



Principal: Mrs C. Roberts



Friday 9th October, 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Daresbury Primary School is keen to ensure that as many parents and carers of children who will be due to start school in September 2021 are able to consider our lovely school. During this strange time of COVID-19 we are sadly unable to hold any Open Days or show people around our school. We have tried hard to ensure that we add as much information as possible to our school website www.daresburyschool.co.uk and we will continue to add to this over the coming weeks. Also on there is information about accessing a Virtual Tour of our school which we have uploaded to our Youtube site. The login details for this are on the Home page of our website too. Our next step is to add a video including myself, my Vice Principal and my Sendco/Reception Teacher – we hope to have this uploaded in the next couple of days.

Daresbury Primary School continues to be a very successful school and still maintains its outstanding Ofsted judgement, although as a school we recognise that it is some considerable time since our last inspection and criteria have changed on several occasions since that point. Parents might like to know that outstanding schools are now eligible for inspection and we anticipate this happening in the very near future. We anticipate achieving Good as a minimum standard overall, with several areas retaining their outstanding status. Daresbury Primary School is a very forward thinking school and part of The Heath Family (NW) Trust. We are constantly seeking ways to improve our provision and maintain our successful school in the village.

Our school accommodates 169 pupils on roll currently, with an admission number of 30 into Reception and currently pupils in 6 classes – Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4/5 and Y5/6. Our current growth plan aims to see us moving to 7 classes in Sept 2022 and at that point every year group being taught in their own class with no mixed aged classes. As last year, we are keen to ensure that parents and carers, especially those living locally, do not avoid applying for Daresbury simply because they feel they will not get in. Last year we had 27 children allocated to us.

We have a very thorough transition to school package which starts as soon as places are confirmed and this involves several half day and full day visits, visits to nurseries and pre-school settings by Daresbury staff and meetings for parents so that we can ensure the whole family is prepared for that precious first day at school. All Daresbury Reception children start school full time from the very first day the school opens in September which we feel is a real bonus for working parents. We also have Daresbury Kids Club offering before and after school child care on site.

I sincerely hope that you will consider Daresbury Primary School as an option and hope you take a look at our website to visit us virtually. If you have any questions please feel free to call the school where we will be pleased to talk to you

Kind Regards,

Carolyn J Roberts, Principal

