

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, we hope that you are all safe and well.

Secondly, I would like to thank you for choosing Blackpool Gateway Academy as the primary school where your child will begin their educational journey and welcome you to our wonderful school community. We are very much looking forward to your child joining our school later this year and wish to make the experience a very positive and happy one for your child and yourself. We are all proud to be part of the Blackpool Gateway Academy Team and we know that your child will have a successful and happy school life with us.

I want to reassure you that we pride ourselves on our transition practices and will always put the welfare of our children at the heart of our plans. We have created a virtual tour that is available on the website for you and your child to watch to give you an insight into Gateway life and the importance we place on Early Years. We will also provide you with links nearer to the Summer to develop those all important connections with the amazing staff in EYFS and help build positive relationships before September is upon us. There will be lots of opportunity for you to join in some settling in sessions too and help with that all important transition time.

In the meantime, your next port of call will be the school website <https://www.gateway.fcat.org.uk/>. Check out the New Starters tab. Here you will find forms and further information. This page is regularly updated with new information added.

You will receive a 'New Starter' pack with registration forms to complete at the new parents' meeting. This pack will also go onto the school website should you wish to take a look or complete it in advance.

We look forward to meeting you, hopefully soon! If we can be of any further assistance please contact my Early Years Leader, Mrs Balshaw on 07747818345.

With my very best wishes to you all,

Mrs Sue Robinson
Headteacher