



Dear Families

It is amazing that we are at the end of our second week and I can report that the start of the new term has gone well. Today is National Teaching Assistant Day. We give a big shout out to all of our amazing Teaching Assistants, they were rewarded today with some doughnuts.

We have continued with our return to off-site activities with groups heading out to the park, local colleges and horse riding. This is a joyous thing to witness as it is vital our pupils go out and put their communication skills into practice; we will endeavour to keep this going!

Transport appears to be slowly improving and I thank you for your patience and good communication whilst we work with providers to ensure a smooth transition for our pupils and families.

### Getting to know our Office Team

#### Receptionist



Hi! I'm Nicky and I will be on reception every morning. I have worked as a T.A for the past 16 years and I'm excited about my new role at Castle School as a Receptionist.

I love watching rugby and walking my toy poodle, Louie.

#### Receptionist



Hello! My name is Mila and I am going to be working at reception in the afternoons. I have been a Teaching Assistant in mainstream schools for over 15 years and I am very excited to start this new chapter at Castle School. I am from Spain and I love traveling and exploring new cultures and places. Some of my travels' highlights has been walking The Great Wall of China, swimming with dolphins (and sharks!) and cruising the Niagara Falls.

#### Senior Administrator (Pupils and Families)



Hi, my name's Melissa. Lots of you will already know me as I have worked in the office at Castle for the last 10 years across a number of roles. My new role is Senior Administrator - pupils and families. One of the main things I am responsible for is organising and supporting the administration of the Annual Review meetings for

KS1, 2 and 3 and I look forward to speaking to you during the course of this process.

#### Senior Administrator (Pupils and Families)



Hi, my name is Nina. I have been working at Castle for nearly 3 busy and very fun years. I now work as a Family and Pupil's administrator, however you would all recognise me from the reception window where I have been until now. I am looking forward to a new role and challenge within the office, organising and supporting annual reviews for KS4 and 6<sup>th</sup> form, supporting Evidence for Learning for parent's and general administration. I love going to concerts with my sister and weekends away with my family and my French Bulldog, Snoodles.

#### Senior Administrator (HR)



Hello everyone, I'm Charlotte and I'm going to be working in the office in HR. I have worked in the NHS mental health industry for over 10 years and decided I wanted a new challenge and a job that allows me to spend more time with my little girl. I love going on holiday, attending concerts and spending time with my family making memories. I look forward to working with you.

#### Senior Administrator (Finance)



Hello! My name is Julie and I am the Finance Administrator here at Castle School. I relocated to Cambridgeshire from Devon 5 years ago, where I had been working in SEND schools for the past 14 years as part of the Admin Team. I am looking forward starting this new chapter at Castle School and getting to know all the staff and pupils. In my spare time I enjoy crocheting and following West Ham United.

#### Facilities officer



Hi all, my name is Mary and I have been working as Facilities Officer since Sept 2021. I work alongside the School Business Manager and Site Team to ensure we have a safe and secure working environment for all staff, students and visitors. We are a busy school and no two days are the same, so it is never boring! I thoroughly enjoy being part of such an enthusiastic and supportive team that makes Castle School such a great place for both staff and students.

#### **Corfe Class News**

This week Corfe class visited Kettle's Yard, in which we had a tour around the house where we observed different works of art and drew our favourite pieces of artwork by looking at it

through a magnify glass to give us a different perspective.



### Height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6

Cambridgeshire County Council commission the organisation Everyone Health ([www.everyonehealth.co.uk](http://www.everyonehealth.co.uk)) to provide the National Child measurement Programme locally.

The checks are carried out by trained school nurses or trained health care providers. Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils.

If you do not want your child's height and weight to be checked, please email [eh.ncmp.healthyyou@nhs.net](mailto:eh.ncmp.healthyyou@nhs.net)

with your child's official name, date of birth, school and year group confirming you would like to opt out your child. **The deadline for opting out is Friday 30th September 2022**

They will be at the Castle from 9.15am and from 10.30 am at the Fields Centre on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to.

### Extra Bank Holiday in 2022

Following the sad announcement of the death of Her Majesty The Queen, an extra bank holiday has been announced for 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 for the Queen's State Funeral.

### SCIP News

Many people may be feeling overwhelmed following the sad news of the death of her Majesty the Queen. The National Autistic Society (NAS) has [information available](#) to support you/your family to cope with bereavement. Support is also available through these organisations:

### Mind

T: 0300 123 3393 E: [info@mind.org.uk](mailto:info@mind.org.uk)

W: <http://sidebyside.mind.org.uk>

### Cruse Bereavement Support

T: 0808 808 1677

W: [www.cruse.org.uk/grief-for-her-majesty-the-queen](http://www.cruse.org.uk/grief-for-her-majesty-the-queen)



Best wishes

*Anne*