



# Cleve House School & Little Cleve Preschool

## TEACHING TO REACH

Since 1937

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all! Thank you all for your words of kindness and support - I am excited to be working with you and your children and look forward to hearing your news. I sincerely hope that you managed to enjoy the festive season in whichever way you chose and let's hope that 2022 sees a gradual emergence from the pandemic.

Please continue to follow Government guidelines which have now changed since 22nd December: following a positive test or if you have symptoms, people can now stop self-isolating after 7 days instead of 10 days. A test needs to be done on day 6 and then again on day 7 (at least 24 hours apart) and if both tests are negative, then isolation ends.

You are sensible parents and will continue to make judgement calls for your children. Please do not send them to school with a high temperature.

### **New Year, New Head, New Resolutions**

Nobody likes change, and granted it will feel a little strange around school for a short time; however, we will be working your children hard as we embrace the motto "Teaching To Reach... since 1937."

As a school, your teachers will be here to help your child reach further than they thought possible and will continue to offer their advice and support to you when you need it. I look forward to speaking with you informally and will be on the front gate for the first two weeks, so do please introduce yourself. Given time, I will learn your names and all about your ideas for Cleve.

I have been working at Cleve House for over 12 years – it is a school like no other. I am passionate about this school and driven to deliver the best education and value than we can. We have been Bristol's best kept secret for too long and as a community we have been far too quiet about how great we are! It will take time but I want us to become known as the best school in South Bristol.

I need your help in spreading the word, so I challenge every adult that has a connection with Cleve House to make a New Year's Resolution and to strike up a conversation with ten people, asking them if they have heard of Cleve House School and then taking it from there. It may feel odd to start with but I promise you that nothing bad will happen! I have started doing this already in a nearby café and a decorators' centre.

I have been quite shocked to discover that we are not well known within our local community – this has to change and this is why I am asking for your help and feedback.

## **Housekeeping**

Currently there is no-one living in the building so Main School continues to open at 8am and close at 5.30pm. Preschool welcomes children from 8.30 am until 5.30pm. You will appreciate that these are long hours for Cleve staff and they too have their own families, so prompt collection between these times is a must (a charge of £10 will be added to the bill for late collection).

In other news, the study has been transformed with an “urban jungle” theme – I hope you find it brighter and welcoming. I love it!

Julian from Jules and Bean photography will be coming into school to take a bank of photographs that we can use for the new website and for marketing purposes. Please make sure the office has your up-to-date parental consent forms back for photographic permission.

Please understand that I will continue teaching Form 5 and getting to grips with my new role as Head Teacher and new proprietor of Cleve House Ltd. This will take time and I may make mistakes along the way, but rest assured that I will always have the pupils’ welfare at forefront of every decision.

There is only one of me – and I cannot run every aspect of this school on my own. I am grateful to have had offers of help already however, and although people say “just ask” I don’t know what your talent is. It would be helpful if I knew what you do and what you might be willing to help Cleve with.

I’m not asking for money but I am asking for your time. These are a few of the areas of help that I am looking for both immediately and for the future (do not be limited by this list):

## **Buildings and Grounds**

A handy-person for odd jobs, painting, plastering, plumbing, heating engineer, tip runs, window/glass replacing, gutters and outside cleaning.

## **School**

Time on a regular basis to hear readers, walking to swimming, painting signs, backing boards in school, window cleaning, dusting and polishing trophies.

## **Spreading the word**

Word of mouth challenge - spread the word to ten people. Dropping flyers through letterboxes, in cafes, clubs etc.

Please email this form back to the office or return in hard copy if you prefer.

Name: .....

My occupation is.....

I can help with.....

My contact details are: Email  
Mobile

I also have skills in.....

I am willing to help on a regular basis with .....

I am willing to join a group of Team Cleve helpers.....

Let me know what you are willing to help with, I will not hold you to it – you can always say no.

Thank you in advance for your time.

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Thank you in advance for your time.

Each and every one of you can make a difference in some small way, whether it is sweeping the leaves from the front door or cleaning a window.

My door is always open, I may well be teaching but I will find time to listen. Please come and speak with me at your earliest opportunity so that I have a chance to address anything that is worrying you.

Finally, I wish us all the best as we begin our joint endeavour to make this the best school in South Bristol for you and your children!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Fraser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Mrs Fraser M.Ed  
Headteacher