



# EWELL GROVE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Epsom & Ewell Residents

Many of you will already be aware that on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 Ewell Grove Infant & Nursery School was re-organised to become Ewell Grove Primary School. This transition enables our village school to take 60 children per year through from Nursery/Reception (age 4/5) to Year 6 (age 11).

Ewell National School, situated in cottages on Old Schools Lane, was set up to educate boys in 1815. These buildings were eventually demolished after a new National School for boys was opened on West Street in 1861. When our original school building was later erected in 1916, classes were expanded to offer education to girls and infants. Our school history clearly shows that for over 200 years an educational establishment has sat at the heart of Ewell Village offering high quality education to generations of children.

The staff and governors of Ewell Grove are all acutely aware of our duty, as the current leadership custodians, to preserve both the high quality education that our school offers whilst doing everything we can to ensure long term viability of a school remaining at the heart of Ewell Village. With these two aims firmly in mind, over the past 15 years we have been committed to safeguarding the long and arduous process of transformation to a Primary School. This remarkable achievement, however, has only been possible because of the unwavering support and desire of the whole Ewell Village community. So on behalf of our school and children we would like to thank you all for the part you have played, however big or small.

Now, in 2019, that our status and new buildings have finally been completed we look to bring our village community together in celebration. In the summer term we will be opening our doors to allow our community to engage on a school tour, so that you can experience first-hand what collective communal action has achieved not only for our current children but for those yet to come.

As part of these celebrations we want to find 100 images, memories, artefacts, that cumulatively will help us capture some of the stories our school, and its community members, have to tell. We are particularly short of subject matter for the period 1916 to 1970. If originals are too precious then obviously copies will be gratefully received. We will also be working with Bourne Hall Museum and other Surrey History Centres to gather as many pieces of Ewell Grove history as possible.

In addition, on our school website (in the welcome from the Headteacher) we are proud to use a painting produced many years ago by a local artist; it obviously shows the school as it was at that time. We wondered if there was another local artist who may like to use our new building as a source of inspiration for a piece of art that we could use to showcase our transformation.

If you can help us achieve our historical artefact collection or help preserve this moment in time through a creative form then please contact Ewell Grove Primary School using the above details.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Keane  
Headteacher