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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Primary PGCE

We are training to be teachers at the University of East Anglia (UEA) in Norwich and will be working in your child's class.

To help us learn how to teach them, we will talk to the children and look at their work. We will also watch them in the classroom and the playground. We will be finding out about all the children but will be focusing on a number of them in more depth. As part of our course, we will write about what we have learned and share some of our work in sessions at the university and in our coursework.

We will not use your child's real name or the name of the school and we will ensure that your child is not identifiable in any of the evidence we collect. Any data will be stored securely in accordance with the school's data protection policy and UK GDPR (DPA, 2018). Once we have completed the course, any information we have collected about your child will be destroyed. If you want to know more, please talk to Mrs Dack.

If you are happy for your child to be part of the work we share at the university, you do not need to do anything.

If you **do not** wish your child to take part, please contact Mrs Dack as soon as possible.

Should you change your mind later on, you can withdraw consent up to when we have written up our notes and handed in our coursework.

If you have any further questions or any concerns please contact one of the PGCE Co-Course Directors, Martin Smith ([Martin.D.Smith@uea.ac.uk](mailto:Martin.D.Smith@uea.ac.uk)) or Sarah Brownsword ([S.Brownsword@uea.ac.uk](mailto:S.Brownsword@uea.ac.uk)) at UEA. Should you wish to make a complaint to someone independent from the Primary PGCE course, please contact the Head of the School of Education and Lifelong Learning, Professor Yann LeBeau, at [Y.LeBeau@uea.ac.uk](mailto:Y.LeBeau@uea.ac.uk).

Working with your child will help us on our way to becoming teachers.

Yours sincerely,

Olivia Ross and Maddy Joy

# **Primary PGCE Child Studies and Understanding How Children Learn**

## **What we will be doing**

We have to study children to help us learn how to teach well. To do this, we will:

- Talk to children to find out about what they like doing at school and at home.
- Make notes of what children do during the school day.
- Find out what they need help with.
- See what they like to do at playtimes.

## **Teaching**

We will also teach the children in line with the appropriate curriculum and the school's teaching and learning policies. We will study some children to see how they learn. When we are teaching, we will:

- Listen to how they talk and work together.
- Read to and with them.
- Talk to them about their work.
- Watch what they do and how they do it.
- Gather examples of work and of them engaging with learning.
- Talk to children about what they know and think.
- Encourage children to ask questions to help them find out more.
- Use our observations to help us think about how we can teach children better.