



Riseley Church of England Primary School

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Dear parents

Firstly, I sincerely hope that you have all enjoyed a relaxing summer holidays. We are very much looking forward to welcoming your children back to school tomorrow and imagine that many of you are counting down the hours until the start of term.

As some of you may be aware, Mrs Power got married during the holidays and has decided to change her name from the start of term. She will now be known as Mrs McGuire.

Due to the number of changes being implemented from the start of the new academic year, I thought it prudent to remind all parents of the new routines and expectations.

The School Day

From Wednesday 3rd September, the school gates will open at 8.30am. All children will enter the school via the MUGA gate from 8.30am. Registers will close at 8.45am. Any child arriving after 8.45am will be listed as late after registration. Any child arriving after 9am will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Building Work

The Kinds Club room is being repaired and restored for the first 3 weeks of term. You will see that the gate used for Nursery, Reception and Wraparound Care is currently out of action. Whilst the work is being completed, parents of children in Nursery and Reception should walk their children into school and to their classroom for drop off. At the end of the school day, Nursery and Reception children will be walked down to the MUGA for collection. Once the building work is complete, the side gate operation will resume.

Wraparound Care

Children attending Breakfast Club will need to enter the MUGA gate until building work is complete. Parents can walk their children up to the former Year 6 classroom until the kids club room is back in operation. After school, parents should enter the gate via the MUGA and walk up to the former Year 6 classroom to collect their children.

Friday afternoons

From Friday 5th September, teaching will cease at 1pm and the majority of children will leave school. Parents who have requested places for their children in the free child-care sessions from 1pm until 3.30pm have been allocated a space. Children leaving school on Friday afternoons should be collected from the MUGA as normal. Children being collected at 3.30pm should be collected from the MUGA as well. Children attending wraparound care will be taken to the room from 3.30pm.

Uniform

All children should be in correct school uniform and PE kit from the start of term; this includes school shoes. Trainers or other versions of footwear are not acceptable unless this has been specifically agreed by the school due to a specific need. Children should NOT be wearing jewellery, makeup, nail polish or have permanent or temporary dye in their hair.

Whilst we are fairly flexible with our uniform policy, we believe that expectations regarding uniform need to be raised as standards have slipped in recent months.

Nut Free School

Riseley is now a completely nut-free school as we have a child attending the school with a severe nut allergy. Children should not bring any items into school that contain or may contain nuts, this includes Nutella in sandwiches. Any food that contains nuts will be confiscated and return to the parents at the end of the day. Children will not be allowed to consume any products in school that contain nuts. This expectation is for both snacks and lunch food.

Yours sincerely

Mr Leigh Pointon
Executive Headteacher
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