

Rumboldswyke Newsletter 4th January 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to begin my first newsletter as the Headteacher of Rumboldswyke School by wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to lead this wonderful school through its exciting new chapter, working with passionate and committed staff, parents, pupils and the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership. I know the journey to keep the school open has been challenging but it is testament to the school and the community we serve.

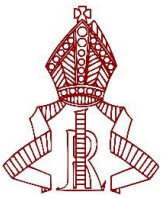


Since 2017, I have worked alongside Mrs Allen as Deputy Headteacher / Acting Headteacher at Bosham School. Prior to this, I worked as a teacher, SENCo and Senior Leader in mainstream and special schools within the Chichester area. My experience has taught me that a successful and happy school depends on us working together to provide a safe, nurturing space which inspires, motivates and encourages its pupils to achieve their potential socially, emotionally and academically.

I know as a parent of three children myself; Jack (21), Megan (17) and Isabel (10), that parents know their child /children better than anyone. As key educators in your child's/ children's lives, I feel that it is important that you have a voice and that as a school we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about the school. I want to develop the relationship between the school and parents for everyone's benefit.

Due to the current government restrictions, we cannot hold parent's meetings in school, however I look forward to meeting you at drop off / collection times. Please do come up, say 'Hello' and introduce yourselves - I will attempt to be at the gate before and after school each day. If you prefer, you're also welcome to contact me by email or phone.
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I am very excited about this new journey through this new era for the school. We have amazing facilities, dedicated staff, supportive families and wonderful children, which of course, is a great place for any new headteacher to start!



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Returning to School

You may have seen in the media that things are changing fast in terms of government expectations of schools due to the new strain of Covid-19. We are closely monitoring the situation and will keep you informed of all decisions as soon as they are made via email or via Twitter @rumboldswyke

My Teachers are wearing face shields



School is open as from Tuesday 5th January 2021 when we will welcome the children back at 8:45. We will be using the same drop off and collection points that we were before the Christmas break. In light of the increased infection rates in the area and the new strain of the virus, **we are asking parents to wear a face covering on the school site (unless exempt) when they are dropping off or collecting their children.** Staff will also be wearing a face covering at the school gate, although these will be removed during the school day.

Staffing Update for Reception & Year 1

Mrs Toy will be returning to her contractual hours and will be teaching three days a week as of next week. I will be teaching the other two days per week as a job-share arrangement. Mrs Baker and Mrs Greenhalgh will continue to support the class throughout the week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Lisa Harris