

Rumboldswyke Newsletter 26th February 2021

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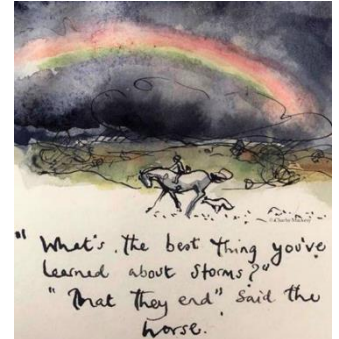
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Dear Rumboldswyke Families,

We are delighted to be working towards the full opening of our school for all families from Monday 8th March. It will be wonderful to open the gates and welcome all of the children back into the building to learn and play together.

HOPE is the word of the week!



Hope that the end of the storm is in sight and we can begin to get back to a little bit of normality. We will continue to have tight protocols in place to keep our school community as safe as possible. Please do read the following information about the school's plans.

Our risk assessment remains as close as possible to how it was in the autumn term. I have attached the following questions and answers that will be helpful for you to read through in preparation for the 8th March.

Will school feel different?

As a small school, we are very fortunate that we can operate as two mini-class bubbles who can operate as a larger bubble when in the hall or playing/working outside. This means we can continue to have whole school worship sessions and we can mix during playtime and lunch time so we can socialise with everyone.

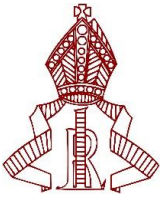
What hygiene measures will be in place?

Children will be asked to wash their hands immediately on arrival at school and at other key times during the school day. We will be promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to hygiene and there will be plenty of tissues and bins available in school. High touch areas: desks, chairs, door handles, toilet flushes will be wiped down regularly. All staff have hand sanitiser on their lanyard for use when needed.

What will drop off and pick-up be like?

Drop off and Pick up will be the same place and time as it was in the Autumn term. School day timings for all pupils is 8:45-3pm. **Reception/Year 1** are to form a socially distanced queue at the gate to the playground area. **Year 2** will form a socially distanced queue at the blue side gate. Staff will meet and greet the children at the gate and send them in to another member of staff who will help direct them to wash their hands.

Staff will be wearing a face covering. The latest government guidance is that this covering is a face mask rather than a visor. We ask that parents continue to wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting their children, unless exempt. In order to ensure social distancing is maintained, only one parent should drop off or collect. We also ask that parents do not gather in the car park or at the gate.



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Who will be teaching our children?

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception Year 1	Mrs Harris	Mrs Toy	Mrs Toy	Mrs Toy	Mrs Harris
Year 2	Ms Blacklock	Ms Blacklock	Ms Blacklock	Ms Blacklock	Ms Blacklock

Do I have to send my child back to school?

Yes! The Secretary for Education, Gavin Williamson, has made it clear that school attendance will be mandatory. This means from March 8th the usual rules on school attendance will apply and you will have a duty to ensure that your child attends regularly at school. We understand you may still be concerned though, please don't hesitate to get in touch and share your concerns so that we can support you.

Are staff using Lateral Flow Tests?

Yes! Up to one in three people who test positive for the virus have it with no symptoms and are spreading the virus unknowingly. As a result, the Department for Education has introduced asymptomatic testing for all staff working in schools. These tests will be carried out twice a week so that any members of staff who may be carrying the virus can be identified and asked to isolate in order to control the spread of the virus.

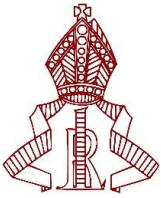
Will there be wrap around care?

Yes! we will continue to offer Breakfast Club from 8am every morning for those families who need to access work or education. Children will enter through the playground gate entrance. If the children arrive at 8 o'clock they will be offered cereal, toast and a cup of milk or water. There is also an early drop off option at 8:30 if the children do not require breakfast. To book this provision, please complete the attached form and return to office@rumboldswyke.org.uk

We will also be running after school clubs, as part of our wrap around provision, from 15th March on Mondays and Thursdays 3:00-3:45. These sessions will need to be booked. They will be offered to children of both classes. Further information will be sent out next week, once the plans are finalised.

How will the curriculum be different?

We will continue to teach through exciting learning experiences where learning across the curriculum is linked and has a real purpose. We will initially focus on the children's wellbeing, building relationships, establishing routines and positive behaviours for learning. We will need to modify the curriculum to address gaps in learning as part of our regular classroom practice



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Will I have contact with the class teachers or office?

Staff will meet your child at the gate when you drop off or collect. Short important messages can be delivered at this time; however, we strongly encourage that correspondence is carried out via Tapestry, Seesaw, telephone or email. Parents are unable to enter the playground or school building. We will arrange parents' consultation meetings in the last week of the Spring term.

Will my child have to wear uniform?

Yes please! This will help them to feel a sense of belonging. We do appreciate that some children may have grown over the past couple of months (particularly their feet) and that it may be harder to replace their uniform during this period of national lockdown. If you have any problems with their school uniform, please get in touch.

What should my child bring to school?

The children should continue to bring their reading books in their book bag, their P.E. kit, a fruit snack and a water bottle. The children in Year 2 need to bring back their school resources pack that was delivered at the beginning of January. Please do not bring toys or anything that is not necessary.

What are the arrangements for lunch and play time?

Both classes will take lunch and play time together. There will be two dining tables set up in the hall, one for each class. A hot school meal will be provided as usual, unless you choose to send your child with a packed lunch.

How will the school be kept well ventilated?

The school's operational guidance from the Department of Education says ventilation considerably reduces the risk of transmission. Doors and windows will be kept open to ensure a good flow of air through the classroom. During colder weather, the external doors will only be kept open during playtimes and the internal door will be kept open.

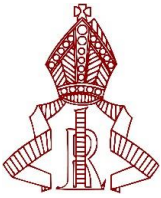
In what circumstances should my child not come to school?

If you or any member of your household has coronavirus symptoms, you should not attend school under any circumstances.

If you have been asked to self-isolate by either the school or through the Test, Track and Isolate Government Guidance.

What happens in the event of my child in school becoming poorly with Covid 19 at school?

If your child becomes poorly in school with coronavirus symptoms, they will be taken to Mrs Flint's office. We will phone you immediately and ask you to come and pick your child up from school. You will then be expected to adhere to the Test, Track and Isolate Government Guidance.



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How will my child access learning if they need to self-isolate?

In the unfortunate event that your family needs to self-isolate, we will provide online remote learning via Tapestry or Seesaw as per our remote learning policy. This can be found on our website.

Should you need further information, please do get in touch. We are really looking forward to seeing you all again.

Have a great weekend,

Lisa Harris

Thursday 4th March is World Book Day!

As we cannot be together to get dressed up for the occasion, we were hoping that you could get involved in other ways.

We are asking each of you to recreate a book cover or character and send us a photograph using Tapestry or Seesaw. Prizes awarded for creative entries.

