



Saturday, 28 August 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

Re: Autumn Term Opening

I hope that you have enjoyed a good Summer break.

We look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back to school for what we hope will be a school year similar to those pre-COVID-19!

Autumn Term Dates

School opens for all pupils on **Thursday 2nd September.**

The children should enter school from the playground. This will be open and supervised from 8:45 and we would like the children to be settled in their classrooms by 8:50. Registration is at 9:00 and this is when the playground gate closes. If your child arrives after 9:00, they will need to report to the school office and will be marked as late. Please make every attempt to be on time.

Our Reception pupils will initially join us until 12:00. Until the children are in school fulltime, Reception parents should collect their child from the school office.

At 3:15 the playground gate will be re-opened and the children should be collected from there. If parents arrange for someone other than those on the emergency contact list to collect their child, they must let the school office know, otherwise staff will not be able to hand over your child.

All visitors, including parents and carers, must not enter the school building other than through the school office, where you will be asked to sign in and wear a visitor badge.

Parking

With everyone arriving and leaving at the same time, please be mindful of our neighbours and each other when driving through the village and parking.

Attendance

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. I attach the school calendar for this year. Any holidays or trips should be booked outside of term time. I am unable to authorise holidays or treat days, apart from in exceptional circumstances.

Uniform

Children need to return to school in full Rodmarton School uniform. Uniform can be purchased from Price and Buckland <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/rodmarton>

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Alternatively, second hand uniform is available from Danielle Hookham. Contact the school office for further details.

Timetables

To further enhance our curriculum provision, on Monday afternoons, children in Year 2 will join Reception and Year 1 at Forest School with Mrs Cooksley and Mrs Buonaparte.

Year 3 and Year 4 will be taught separately to Year 5 and 6 by Mrs Jones for Spanish and Mrs Thorogood for PE.

For the rest of the week, the children will remain in their classes.

PE

To avoid the need for children to change their clothes, on PE days, your child should continue to wear their PE kit to school:

Acorn class will have PE on Wednesday (Reception pupils need to wear PE kit from when they are in school for a full day).

Sapling class will have PE on Monday and Friday

Oak class will have PE on Monday and Tuesday

The children are expected to wear school PE kit, not branded or logoed items.

Forest School

We have arranged for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to visit Forest School on Monday afternoons.

Children should come to school on their Forest School days in suitable clothing that covers their arms and legs and sensible, sturdy shoes. On wet days, they will need to bring rain wear. (Reception pupils need to wear Forest School clothes from when they are in school for a full day).

School Dinners

School dinners will be available from Caterlink. These can be ordered on the day so there is no need to let us know orders in advance. For those who pay for school lunches, these will be billed in the usual way through Parentpay. If you do not wish your child to have a Caterlink lunch, please provide your child with a lunch from home.

After School Clubs

After clubs will be re-introduced this term. We are currently working with outside agencies with the aim for these clubs to start from Monday 13th September and once the details are confirmed I will write to you.

Little Acorns

If you have contacted Mrs Dent about before and after school care, she will be in touch on her return to work. Our Little Acorns breakfast and after school club is available from the first day of term for those of you who need to use it. Please email admin@rodmarton.gloucs.sch.uk if you haven't done so already and need to use this facility.

COVID Measures

Bubbles will not need to be used in school. This means the children will enjoy the same break and lunch times and share activities such as assemblies and house events. Your child will see a change in the layout of their classroom, moving away from rows of desks facing forward, returning to blocks of desks, making group working easier. We have plans in place to cover the possibility that it may become necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles' for a temporary period, to reduce mixing between groups, on the advice from Public Health England (PHE). We look forward to welcoming parents in to school and to our celebration assemblies, the details of which will be sent out shortly, along with our school events calendar.

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Control Measures

The school will maintain the control measures which have been in place since the start of the pandemic. Your children will already be familiar with these, so they do not need to prepare for anything new:

1. Ensuring good hygiene for everyone, including regular hand washing and the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach for respiratory hygiene.
2. Maintaining the current cleaning regimes such as regular cleaning of areas and equipment and frequently touched surfaces.
3. Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated. Classroom windows will be opened to improve natural ventilation and internal doors will continue to be kept open in some areas to assist in the throughput of air and some external doors may also be opened, where safe to do so.

Covid 19 Illness Guidelines

If a pupil or staff member has symptoms of COVID-19, they must isolate and arrange a PCR test. Household members should also isolate, unless they are fully vaccinated or under 18 years and six months, until the results are known.

Test Results

If the PCR test result is negative, they can return to school once well and at least 24 hours fever free (without medication). Isolating household members can also stop self-isolating and carry on as normal.

If a pupil or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 on a lateral flow (home) test, they must take a confirmatory PCR test within 48 hours. If the follow-up PCR is negative AND the case has no symptoms, they can stop isolating.

If the PCR test is positive, they must isolate for 10 days. Household members must also isolate for 10 days (unless they are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months).

Following a positive PCR test, NHS Test and Trace (T&T) will speak to the case (or their parent/carer) to identify close contacts and provide testing and isolation advice to parents and to the school as required.

If we are concerned that your child may be unwell and have Coronavirus symptoms whilst at school, we will contact you and will expect you to collect your child immediately.

I hope you find this information useful and I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday.

Best wishes

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