

Riverbrae School

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Children's Services

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to welcome all our children and families back to School and Nursery. The last couple of years have been challenging for everyone and we look forward to having families and our local community back into the school

Following the retirement of Mick Kelly (Secondary DH) I can confirm that Angela Pilkington was successful at interview. Angela has already started with us and I believe she may have already been in touch with some of the BGE and senior phase parents. We are delighted to welcome her to Riverbrae and I know she will be keen to make contact with parents over the course of the term.

Jenni Smith is acting PT for the Complex department and I know has already been working with parents in her department.

Angela McCusker has taken on the role of Inclusion and Transition teacher this year and she would be delighted to talk to any parents who may have links with our local community or if you want to discuss anything regarding your child's placement.

I am delighted to welcome new members of teaching staff: Claire Robertson, Stanislava Eneve, Sophie Gray, Libby Lightbody, Kirsty Cafferty, Fiona McGregor, Jadwiga Janika. Jamie Breeking and Emily Rankin will be providing planning and prep time for staff across the school.

We would also like to welcome our new SFO John Lynn to the school.

We are delighted to have the children and young people back to school and would like to thank all our families for your continued support.

We are looking to reestablish our swimming lessons and are aiming to have a programme up and running for after the September weekend. This allows the children time to settle back into school.

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We have sent home the Annual Data sheets. Please can you make sure that you update any mobile number changes and if your phone number changes during the school year that you make the school office aware. Thank you for your support with this.

Please also be aware that we are a nut free school and no products containing nuts should be brought in for snack or lunch.

Learning Opportunities

Our priority for our children and young people is to be happy and healthy. We continue to focus on the health and wellbeing of our children. By using the Renfrewshire Nurturing Approach and (RICE) Renfrewshire Inclusive Community Environment we aim to ensure that all of our children feel safe and supported in school. Please contact the school if you require any support for your child's wellbeing.

We continue to focus on Literacy and Numeracy across the school and making sure that they are making progress in these areas.

Within the Senior Phase we will have an increased focus of Developing Young Workforce and looking at job opportunities within the local community.

Pupil Equity Fund

Our Pupil Equity Fund has funded drama sessions with Jordan Blackwood. In addition to this we have Music Therapy from Nordoff Robbins 3 times a week and Hear my Music twice a week. We continue to access Castle Semple twice a week for the Senior Phase and have recently appointed two staff members to develop links and create employment opportunities through the Development Young Workforce.

Parental Involvement

With the Covid restrictions now easing we look forward to welcoming our parents and partners back into the school. We are currently having a waking group that meet every Monday at 10am. As well as this there are a group of parents that meet on a Thursday in the Parents room, everyone is welcome. All classes are using Learning Journals as a form of communication with parents. Please get in touch if you are having any difficulties accessing the platform. The children particularly enjoy when they see comments from their families when sharing their news at morning group. We have a particular focus on parental engagement and are working to provide opportunities for parents to engage in the life of the school.

Administration of Medication

The administration of prescribed medicines during the school day must be accompanied by the appropriate forms. We can only give out the dosage as stated on the prescription. If

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there is a discrepancy, we will contact the parent to discuss. Please make sure that any emergency medication is up to date. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Dates for the Diary

National Read a Book Day – 6 September

September Weekend – 23 September – 26 September

Maths Week – 27 September – 3 October

Parents Evening – 4 October 4pm – 7pm

October Week – 17 October – 24 October

Contact

We continue to monitor our communication to ensure that all enquiries are dealt with as quickly as possible and if you need to get in touch with us you can do so by

- Emailing our school enquires mailbox – riverbraeenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk
- Replying to any school text
- Via google classrooms
- By telephoning the school on 0300 300 1372
- The school App – General information for pupils and staff

Yours Sincerely

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