









September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our September newsletter.

The children have settled back quickly to school life and are enjoying time in class and in the playground with their friends.

As you are aware, many of the previous restrictions have been lifted, however there are a number of safety measures still in place:

Covid Restrictions In Place:

- Face coverings to be worn in the school grounds by adults
- Regular handwashing or sanitising for all pupils throughout the day
- Limited movement of classes and individuals throughout the school
- Limiting the number of visitors to the school and meetings in the school
- No assemblies for now

Expectations of Pupils:

- No sharing of food or drinks
- Bring in their own full bottle of water every morning
- Let parents or staff know if they feel unwell

Self Isolation and Contact Tracing:

- Adults who are double vaccinated and have a negative PCR test will no longer have to self-isolate if a contact of a positive case
- Children and young people 5 to 18 years will not have to isolate for 10 days so long as they remain asymptomatic and have a negative PCR
- Schools will no longer assist in the identification of close contacts -<u>communication will be through Test and</u> <u>Protect.</u>

School staff will continue to do lateral flow tests twice a week.

Breakfast Club

We have a daily breakfast club in the school which starts at 8.15am and runs till 8.45am. Children should not arrive prior to this unless supervised by an adult, in which case they will need to wait outside the gate. There will be no staff in the playground during this time.

Our breakfast club is free and is available for all of the children.



Dates for the Diary

- Flu Immunisation (whole school) Tue 14.9
- September Holidays Fri 24.9 & Mon 27.9
- October Holiday Mon 11.10 Fri 15.10



Attendance/Latecomings

Please remember to inform the school if your child is absent. We aim to support families in any way we can to help your child attend school. Please call any time you wish to discuss difficulties around this.

<u>Water and Snack</u>

Pupils are encouraged to bring a bottle of plain water to school each day. This can be refilled in the school for free. Fizzy drinks are NOT permitted. Juice would be kept until lunchtime and not used in class.

Nurture Principle of the Month



All behaviour is communication

PE Arrangements

Pupils can come to school in their PE kit unless instructed otherwise by their teacher.

P1/2 - Tuesday & Wednesday

P2/3 - Tuesday & Friday

- P4 Wednesday & Friday
- P5/6/7 Monday & Thursday

<u>Paperwork due back</u>

Please ensure the following are returned signed, as soon as possible:

- Child's flu permission
- Annual data forms
- Allergy letters
- Outdoor EV5 form
- Photo permission and internet user agreements

Parents/carers are urged to make it a priority to ensure that the school have up to date contact details for all contacts for your child at all times.

Participatory Budgeting

Miss Steele is facilitating the participatory budgeting process at Rigside Primary. As a group, we will decide how at least 5% of our PEF funding will be spent.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Miss Steele through the school office or at gw15steelehannah@glow.sch.uk

Parents/carers are reminded that I am always here if you wish to discuss any issues or concerns. Please just lift the phone or pop in.

As always, thanks for your support.

Take care,

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