



Raynville Academy
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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you are all well and keeping safe.

Throughout the summer we have been following the guidance updates from the government ready for our safe return from September. (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>). Also please see – <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

I don't need to tell you how strange all this has been but, hopefully, we are starting to see some light at the end of the tunnel. Lockdown restrictions have been lifted, though I live in Calderdale and I am currently in lockdown and experiencing a frustrating return to a lack of freedom! I want to say a huge thank you to you all for supporting your children and the school during this lockdown period. Your patience, understanding, kind gestures and words of encouragement have meant such a lot.

This is the start of our new communications with you to help you prepare for the return to school from **TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER**. As the government are forever changing their guidance and the potential of localised lockdowns, this is subject to change. However, the following points are highly unlikely to change before September:

🌐 **ALL CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER** We have had a lot of communication with our families throughout the lockdown period. One concern that was common was the mental well-being of our children and how they return to school in a safe and mindful way. Having worked closely with the heads in West Leeds and the education team from Leeds Council, we have carefully planned out our return to school and curriculum. During the first week back, the children will spend every morning in their new classroom, but with the teacher they had last year. This means they are with someone who knows them and can support their mental well-being as they return. The afternoon, they will then have their teacher they will have for the rest of the year. See the table below for more information.

This means that our children in reception are not able to start during the first week as they normally would – reception starters should have received information about their start times and days already – if you have not, email the office. We have also altered our curriculum to include a 're-engagement curriculum' with a focus on well-being, health and getting our children comfortably used to learning in school again. Rest assured, we take the well-being of all our children very seriously, but we also will ensure they access high quality learning and are able to catch up anything they have missed. We have extra staff in school to support the children's development.

Please ensure you talk to you children about the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.

🌐 **INDOOR BUBBLES:** We will have year group 'bubbles' in school operating indoors where each year group only interacts with the other class in that year group. Most staff will be working with one-year group only to minimise any transition.

🌐 **OUTDOOR BUBBLES:** As we have large outdoor spaces and the transition rate is significantly reduced, we will have slightly different bubbles for breaks and lunchtimes. This will be closely monitored and children will be spread out. We will be going outside at breaks and PE as much as possible – even in light rain, so please check the weather and ensure your children have the appropriate waterproof tops if necessary. These are the outdoor bubbles:

- Early Years (nursery & reception) bubble
- KS1 (year 1 & year 2) bubble
- Lower KS2 (year 3 & year 4) bubble
- Upper KS2 (year 5 & year 6) bubble

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- **SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Children will not be expected to socially distance within their bubbles. This is in line with the guidance released from the government.
- **SCHOOL UNIFORM:** All children will be asked to return to school in uniform in line with our policy as set out on the school website.
- **PE DAYS:** On the days that children have PE we will allow them to come to school wearing their school PE kit. This will be for the Autumn term and will be reviewed at Christmas. We have yet to confirm the day the children do PE, please send all children in full, normal uniform on the first day back. The kit for these days is –
 - Plain white t-shirt
 - Black shorts
 - Black leggings or jogging bottoms
 - Normal school jumper/cardigan
- **PERSONAL ITEMS:** Children will be encouraged to bring minimal items into school. We will ask them to bring a **labelled water bottle** into school on the first day back. If it is a very sunny day, please ensure you have applied sun cream at home as we are not able to do this. Reading books will still come in every day.
- **LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS:** We look forward to welcoming our catering team back in September. Lunchtimes will have to be staggered and will look a little different to the canteen system that we were using to serve meals before lockdown. We will be in a position to offer school meals from September but the choice will be a little different and will comprise of hot or cold meals that can be delivered to classrooms. More information will follow in August regarding this.
- **ACCESS INTO SCHOOL:** Sadly, we do not anticipate being in a position to be able to welcome parents into the school building in September. We have put safety precautions in place in our main reception for any parents needing to come to main reception. However, we ask that parents and carers remain respectful of social distancing and only come in to reception if it is absolutely necessary. The school office telephone number is 0113 257 9590.
- **WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS:** There will be no whole school events for the Autumn term. This will mean there will be no whole school assemblies or events. We are in the early stages of exploring ways we can hold virtual assemblies for our children on a Wednesday afternoon.
- **CLASSROOM CHANGES:** In order to fit the three year 5 classes together, we have moved the furniture for year 5&6 downstairs and year 3&4 upstairs.
 - Lower KS2 (year 3 & year 4) are moved to **upstairs** in the KS2 building and will enter and exit by walking round the back of the kitchen
 - Upper KS2 (year 5 & year 6) are now **downstairs** in the KS2 building (as year 5 have 3 classes) and they will enter and exit the building downstairs.
- **START AND FINISH TIMES:** At this stage we are having to staggered start and finish times slightly – this will be continually reviewed. The rationale behind this is about reducing the numbers of people together in one area. We will be opening all gates, but we are aware that the top gate has a narrow passage way leading to it so ask that we all use care and we know that all adults will be respectful of people's space. We hope that parents of older children will feel happy to say goodbye to their children at the school gates – staff will be around to monitor the children. (see table below for more information).
 - Years 6,4,2 arrive at 8:45 and then leave at 3pm
 - Nursery time - 8:45 - 11:45 then 12:15 - 3:15
 - Years 5,4,3,1 & R arrive at 9:00 and then leave at 3:15
 - If you have siblings, they all arrive at the earlier time and all leave at the earlier time.
 - Where possible, KS2 children to be left at gate or distanced in playground - no groups of adult can congregate. No adults in school without appointment.
 - The children will still get the same time for learning as we reduce the hour long lunch break.

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- **BREAKFAST CLUB:** Our breakfast club will start again on 8th September, but with some small changes. The club will be split over two halls - KS0&1 children to go to the KS1 hall (usual breakfast club building) and KS2 children will go to the KS2 hall via the entrance behind the dining hall. They will be seated on separate tables for each year group. This provision is for working families who need childcare and will start at 8am – the doors will close at 8:10am.
- **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:** We are not starting any after school clubs in September – we will be monitoring the guidance and communicate when we are ready to start these.
- **WRAP AROUND CARE:** We are aware that the 'Playstation' club has now been closed. As a school, we are planning on investigating setting up our own provision in the near future.

We appreciate that some families may feel anxious about their children returning to school in September. The government is launching their campaign aimed at persuading parents in England it will be safe for children to return to the classroom in September – for more information look out for – #backtoschoolsafely.

Please feel free to contact us anytime - our email address is secretary@rayvilleprimaryleeds.org.uk

I promise that we will continue to work very hard to ensure we support every individual family on your return to some sort of normality. We will keep updating the website and after my lockdown is ended, I will take some pictures of what the school looks like to share with you – including drop off and pick up places.

UPDATE –

We are nearly ready to launch our new website which looks much better than our current one. We have some new signs being put up around school over the holidays – the faded red one at the front of school is being replaced! We have been successful in bidding for some money for upgrading our fire system and emergency lighting and also repairing our leaking roof! The gas issue that we had that we had at the end of last year is being fixed and will be ready for a safe return in September.

Enjoy the rest of your summer break and we will look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Kind regards

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PLAN FOR SEPTEMBER RETURN				
2019/20	2020/21	LOCATION	ARRIVE	LEAVE
Reception Miss Whatmough	Year 1 Mrs Cockayne & Mrs Tiffany	Current year 1 room	9:00am	3:15pm
Reception Mrs Darbyshire	Year 1 Mr Perkins	Current year 1 room	9:00am	3:15pm
Year 1 Mr Perkins	Year 2 Miss Riches	Current year 2 room	8:45am	3:00pm
Year 1 Mrs Cockayne & Mrs Smythe	Year 2 Miss Stewart	Current year 2 room	8:45am	3:00pm
Year 2 Miss Riches	Year 3 Mrs Mason & Mrs Kahlon	Upstairs KS2 building	9:00am	3:15pm
Year 2 Miss Stewart	Year 3 Miss Fernie	Upstairs KS2 building	9:00am	3:15pm
Year 3 Miss Fernie	Year 4 Mrs Buono & Mrs Jacobson	Upstairs KS2 building	8:45am	3:00pm
Year 3 Mrs Mason & Mrs Kahlon	Year 4 Miss Ridley	Upstairs KS2 building	8:45am	3:00pm
Year 4 Mrs Burns	Year 5 Miss Baker	Downstairs KS2 building	9:00am	3:15pm
Year 4 Mrs Smith	Year 5 Mrs Smith	Downstairs KS2 building	9:00am	3:15pm
Year 4 Mrs Buono & Mrs Jacobson	Year 5 Mr Keating	Downstairs KS2 building	9:00am	3:15pm
Year 5 Mrs Cope	Year 6 Mrs Cope	Downstairs KS2 building	8:45am	3:00pm
Year 5 Mr Keating	Year 6 Mrs Drummond	Downstairs KS2 building	8:45am	3:00pm

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