



Dear parents/carers

**RE: HOW WE COMMUNICATE & UPDATES**

At Raynville we try to communicate effectively and timely with parents wherever possible. We regularly update our website with key information throughout the year as well as using several direct forms of communication. In this digital age, most of our communication is via electronic platforms and with the significant increase in paper/printing costs coupled with our desire to look after the environment, we are moving away from a reliance on paper (the irony that I am printing this is not lost!).

One of the key ways in which we communicate is by being available daily before and after school. We have a member of the office team, someone from our Pastoral and Inclusion Team (PIT) and usually a senior leader outside the front of school. We are here to help and answer any questions you may have.

**The two Apps that are key to communication and information are Arbor and Seesaw.**

**Arbor** is used to keep up to date on attendance, pay for trips/clubs, book parents' evenings and more. This is also used by most of the high schools in the area.

**Seesaw** parents' account as this is the easiest way to send messages out and children use it for homework as well as class work. Our teachers can assess our children's progress using Seesaw – please ask at the office if you cannot access your child's Seesaw information.

There are two parents' evenings each year to which you will be invited to discuss your child's work and progress, but an appointment can be made to speak to your child's teacher about any concern at any time in the year. (Parent's evenings can be booked on Arbor – our first one is on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November).

Please also contact us by phone or visit to let us know of any circumstance that might affect your child at school or any other general worries you may have. If we are worried about any aspect of your child's work, progress or behaviour we will contact you.

Telephone - 0113 2579590    email - [admin@raynvilleacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@raynvilleacademy.org.uk)

Parents are regularly consulted by the school on all aspects of our work. We send out parent surveys and hold forums to discuss areas for school improvement as well as consulting with individuals informally at parents' events. This year we are looking to bring back opportunities to attend class assemblies, performances, and other celebrations of children's work. We look forward to seeing you there.



Following a consultation with parents, we made slight amendments to our uniform policy for September with the re-introduction of an optional red polo t-shirt whilst the rest remains the same. All the key information is on our website - <https://raynvilleacademy.org.uk/parents/>

As was popular feedback from parents, children can come in their PE kits on the day they have PE, but please ensure they are wearing the correct PE kit – children need a plain white or red polo shirt or t-shirt & black shorts/joggers/plain leggings for PE and a **red** school jumper/plain jumper or hoodie for outdoor sessions. We have a selection of school uniform and PE kit in school for anyone who is struggling – please ask us in total confidence.

We are really excited to be launching a new strategy in year 5 called 'Fixing Fluency'. Our team have had high quality training and are ready to roll this out across year 5 for six weeks after half term. This is designed to improve reading fluency and confidence and will see the children reading a piece of text all week for each of the six weeks. Year 5 parents can ask the teachers about this at our parents' evening on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Finally, a plea – we want all our children to be safe in school. We understand that some parents need to drive to drop off their children due to the distance they live or having to go straight to work. Please use appropriate parking on nearby roads and NOT the double yellow lines opposite the school gate or blocking our neighbours' drives. This is dangerous, lazy and puts our children in potential danger – there is no excuse. I have met with some parents and a local councillor about improving the parking and monitoring those who act selfishly or thoughtlessly and the local PCSOs are supporting us with this – we want our children to be safe. The only exceptions are those with valid Blue badges who may use the bottom of the strip – not directly opposite the gates.

Kind regards

Andrew Midgley  
Principal