



Reignhead Primary School

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Headteacher's Newsletter – Autumn 1

First of all, I'd like to say a big thank you to each one of you for your kind comments regarding our hard work over the past few weeks and months. We are so pleased that we have been able to open the school again to everyone and get on with the job of teaching your wonderful children. It has been a massive team effort, as I'm sure you can appreciate, but it has been worth it to see the children's happy smiling faces once more. The children already seem very settled in their new classes and have been busy impressing their teachers with their positive attitude and determination to succeed. I've been particularly pleased with how our new children have settled into life at Reignhead and extend a warm welcome to our new families – we are sure your child will be very happy and successful here. This newsletter will keep you up to date with current events and will also give you a few reminders; further information is also available on our school website and through OurSchoolsApp. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office who will be able to pass on your message to the relevant person. Mrs Fairfax and I are also available on the school yard at the start and end of each day to answer quick questions – all at a safe distance of 2 metres of course!

Carole Stafford, Headteacher

Golden Rules

Each September, we always spend time talking to the children about the school Golden Rules – they are very simple to remember and really help the children to understand what it means to behave well and be a good citizen. They are:

'I am ready'

'I am kind and gentle'

'I keep myself and others safe'

At the current time, we are particularly focussing on the Golden Rule of 'I keep myself and others safe' and reminding children of the importance of washing their hands, practising good hygiene, and keeping their distance from others. Please ask your child about the rules and check that they understand them – you might want to use the rules at home as well!

Start and End of the School Day

After a couple of teething problems, we now have a clear system for the start and end of the school day that supports social distancing. However, we really do need all adults to keep on following the rules we have put in place so that our school site is as safe as it can possibly be. The rules are:

*Only one parent/carer per family is permitted on the school grounds unless by prior arrangement.

*Please do not enter the school grounds earlier than your scheduled time - when the school grounds seem crowded, this is often because parents/carers have arrived much too early.

*Please pay attention to the 2m markers – these are there to support social distancing.

*Once you have collected your child(ren), you must leave the school site promptly – please do not start a conversation with other parents in the school grounds as it causes unnecessary and potentially dangerous crowding.

*Do not allow your children to play on school playground equipment at the start and end of the school day – it is not supervised at these times; please also discourage your child from walking on the walls.

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*I have sought advice from Public Health regarding the wearing of face coverings at the start and end of the school day and we will not be insisting that parents/carers wear them at the current time. We will, however, support those of you who prefer to wear a face covering at school.

PE Kits

It has been lovely seeing the children arrive at school in their PE kits – they look so smart and healthy in their white t-shirts and black joggers! It has also meant that the children have benefitted from longer PE lessons without time being wasted getting changed. We think this has been a real success but I would be interested to hear from parents/carers as well to find out if you think it is something we should continue with in the future.

Breakfast Club

Please remember that if your child requires a place at Breakfast Club, this needs booking in advance – please email us at enquiries@reignhead.sheffield.sch.uk. Payment is made via Parent Pay.

Communication with Parents

I do appreciate that many of you miss being able to speak to your child's class teacher at the start and end of the day, but unfortunately it is just not possible at the current time. Please rest assured that our Office Staff will always pass on any email or telephone messages promptly and that class teachers will call you if they have any concerns. We use ParentMail to distribute letters and to share more detailed information; the App is used mainly for quick reminders – it is very simple to download and you can use your settings to make sure it 'pings' each time there is a new alert. Parents/carers at Reignhead will need to have access to both.

Remote Learning

In the event of a whole or partial school closure, we will, of course, continue to be responsible for your child's education. We are currently in the process of devising a programme for all year groups using Google Classrooms and will send more information to parents next week.

Writing at the Heart of the School!

This year we are introducing a new, whole school approach to the teaching of writing based on 'The Writing Rainbow'. We're really excited to see how the children respond and to see their writing skills get better and better over the course of the year. We really want the children to enjoy their writing and find out that writing can be fun! Watch this space...

Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns then please contact a member of our safeguarding team - the designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Stafford and the deputies are Mrs Fairfax, Mrs Kay, Mr Coy and Mrs Bradley. We also have leaflets at the entrance to the school office explaining the ways that we work in Sheffield to support children, young people and their families. The leaflets explain Early Help and Multi-Agency Working.

Important Dates

- Monday September 21st: Year 5 Music Lessons start this week.
- Thursday October 1st: Black History Month starts today
- Friday October 23rd: INSET DAY – children not in school
- Monday October 26th to Friday October 30th inclusive: Half Term Holiday
- Monday November 2nd: Back to school
- Friday November 13th: Children in Need Day
- Friday November 20th: Anti-Bullying Day
- Friday December 18th: Last day of term

We are also planning on holding virtual Parent Consultation Meetings this half term – details to be confirmed.

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