



REDHILL PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to be able to write to you all in regard to reopening up the school community to all our Redhill families. As a school, we appreciate how difficult it has been for parents/carers not being able to enter the building, the classrooms and see your child in their school setting. We are very keen to resume all our opportunities to enable you to feel part of the school, in the ways we have aspired to in the past. This letter outlines the reinstatement of these opportunities and some key dates of events for the remainder of the academic year.

Morning Entrance

Parents may enter the school grounds in the morning to drop their children at the classroom doors. Please note that teachers are supervising the children in the classroom, so any messages need to be passed to the adults on the entry points. All entry points will remain supervised except for the Nursery gate. Instead, we will man the entrance to the school from the main playground. Messages can be passed to these staff members.

Assemblies

The school will be resuming whole school assemblies and key stage assemblies. In addition, parents will be able to attend celebration assemblies. This will be by invite only, which are sent out on the Monday of each week, which will alternate between Reception/Year1/Year 2 and Year 3/4/5/6.

Drop in mornings

Every Thursday morning, parents are able to enter the classroom for the children to share work they are proud of. Doors will be open at 8.40am and parents will be asked to depart no later than 8.50am, so that registration can be completed by 8.55am. This will commence on 24th March 2022. Please note Nursery will operate drop ins half termly, the first being 24th March 2022.

Open mornings

Normally, pre pandemic, the school provides the opportunity for parents to experience a lesson with their child every term. We would like to resume this in the summer term. Due to the lack of opportunities to enter the school, we are imagining this will be a popular event. To be able to manage the volume of visitors, we will offer two sessions, which parents will need to sign up for. To ensure health and safety compliance, we will need to limit the number of additional adults entering the school at any one time. Therefore, a maximum of two adults per child will be set. Please note this event will run again in the autumn term. The dates for the open mornings are 19th and 20th May. Further details will follow nearer the time.

“What we instill in our children will be the foundations upon which they build their future” - A Valued Member of Redhill embodies this through our core values of respect, friendship, responsibility, empathy, honesty & independence.



Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations in March will be held face to face. Further details will follow shortly.

The school does not hold a summer term parent consultation appointment, but we appreciate that parents have not had any opportunities to look at their child's work over the last 18 months. Therefore, as part of our end of year arrangements, we will provide two dates for parents to drop into the hall to view their child's work with their children. Refreshments will be provided. Again, this will be via a booking system, which will be launched nearer the time.

Sporting Fixtures

Families may now attend all after school onsite sporting fixtures to support their child and the team. However, we will need confirmation from other schools in regard to parental attendance there.

Sports Days

These events will be open to parents and wider family members. Dates are as follows:

Nursery/Reception: Thursday 26th May at 1.30pm

Year 1/2: Friday 10th June at 1.30pm

Year 3,4,5,6: Friday 17th June at 9.30am

Further dates for your diaries

Jubilee Celebrations - 27th May 2022. Families of all generations will be invited for lunch.

End of year picnic/official opening of our pastoral room - Wednesday 20th July 2022. Families invited to join the children for a picnic.

Year 6 leavers assembly - 19th July 2022.

Timings for the school day

The school has received feedback during the pandemic, that parents have preferred the staggered start times and slightly longer opening times. Please see timings below:-

Nursery and Reception

Start Time: 8:40am - 8:45am

Registration: Any child in main school arriving after 8:50am will be marked late

End Time: 2:55pm collection time

Year 1/2/3/4/5/6

Start Time: 8:45am - 8:50am

Registration: Any child arriving after 8:55am will be marked late

End Time: 3:00pm, except for Year 6 who will be dismissed at 3:05pm

Yours sincerely



Claire Whiting
Headteacher