



Dear Parents/Carers,

19.07.2021

We are now in a position to share with you the plan for reopening school for the Autumn Term. From **Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021**, school will reopen for **all** children in Years 1 – 6. This will be a settling in/well-being day. If you have children in Nursery or Reception you should have received a separate letter about plans for their return.

The government have announced that all children are expected to return to school and that we should follow normal absence procedures with any families who do not send their children. If for any reason you feel you are unable to send your child(ren) please contact school.

We wanted to share information about the organisation of the school day. All of the arrangements have been put together using the government guidance and through consultation with the Local Authority.

### **Bubbles**

From September, there will no longer be a requirement for children to remain in bubbles. However, we will continue to keep children with their own year groups for break and lunchtimes as we have noticed a positive impact on playground behaviour since we introduced this measure.

### **Beginning and end of the day**

- At the beginning of the day, we will continue to have a flexible start time. Please ensure your children arrive between 8.30am and 8.50am. Do not come onto site before 8.30am. Children to enter through the usual gates. Please ensure they arrive no later than 8.50am.
- At the end of the day there will be staggered finish times as follows. To minimise the number of people on site, please ensure you collect your child/children at the specified times:  
**Nursery:** 3.20pm, **Reception:** 3.00pm, **Year 1:** 3.00pm, **Year 2:** 3.10pm, **Year 3:** 3.00pm, **Year 4:** 3.10pm, **Year 5:** 3.00pm and **Year 6:** 3.10pm.
- Parents collecting children from Nursery are asked to stand outside the main Nursery entrance and your child will be brought out to you.
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents will be allowed to collect their children from the classrooms doors.
- Years 3 – 6 will be brought down to the gate for you to collect or walk home on their own.

### **Sandwell Road entrance**

Sandwell Road gate will be closed between 9.00am and 2.55pm. If you need to come onto premises between these times, you will have to use the Rakegate Close entrance. (We are looking into the possibility of installing an intercom system for this gate so it can be used during the day)

### **Lunchtimes**

All children will eat in the dining room. Children will have their dinner at the times stated below:

**Reception:** 11.30am, **Year 1:** 11.45am, **Year 2:** 12.00pm, **Year 3:** 12.30pm, **Year 4:** 12.50pm, **Year 5:** 12.30pm and **Year 6:** 12.50pm.

Children moving from Year 2 to Year 3 will no longer be entitled to universal free school meals. Meal costs are £2.50 per day/£12.50 per week, unless your child is eligible for free school meals. If you are unsure, enquire at the office.



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## Rakegate Primary School

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Headteacher: Mrs S L Horton

### In order to keep everyone safe:

- A Covid-19 Risk Assessment will remain in place to protect the pupils, parents/carers and staff of Rakegate. This is available to view on the school website.
- Children and staff will wash their hands regularly throughout the day and especially: on arrival at school, after going outside, after using the toilet, before and after eating, after coughing or sneezing.
- Hand sanitiser and soap will be readily available in each room and tissues will be available for all.
- If a child becomes ill with Covid-19 symptoms, they will be immediately isolated from the rest of the class until a parent can be contacted to collect them.
- Regular cleaning will take place every day.

### We ask that you support us with keeping children safe by:

- Ensuring that children have clean uniform.
- Ensuring children wash their hands for 20 seconds before coming to school and when they get home.
- Only allowing children to bring in essential resources: Book bags, reading books and packed lunchboxes.
- Sending in a filled water bottle for them to drink from throughout the day. This will be sent home each night for cleaning.
- Reinforcing with them the importance of regular handwashing.
- Not sending your child(ren) to school if they are unwell or displaying any symptoms of Covid-19. Please ensure you contact school by 9.00am on the first day of absence stating the reason for this.

### Communication

Unless a letter requires signature consent, we will not send out any paper letters. All communication will be done through Marvellous Me, Facebook, Twitter and the school website. Please contact the office if you do not have a Marvellous Me code.

Do not enter main reception unless necessary – only one person allowed at a time, please queue up outside by the sign.

If you wish to communicate with us, we would prefer you to do via phone or email if possible rather than face to face meetings. If possible, we ask that you avoid cash payments and all payments are done: through Sims pay, over the phone by card or through card or contactless at the office.

If you have a question about your children's learning, teachers can be contacted directly via the year group email addresses:

[nursery@rakegateprimary.co.uk](mailto:nursery@rakegateprimary.co.uk)

[year2@rakegateprimary.co.uk](mailto:year2@rakegateprimary.co.uk)

[year5@rakegateprimary.co.uk](mailto:year5@rakegateprimary.co.uk)

[reception@rakegateprimary.co.uk](mailto:reception@rakegateprimary.co.uk)

[year3@rakegateprimary.co.uk](mailto:year3@rakegateprimary.co.uk)

[year6@rakegateprimary.co.uk](mailto:year6@rakegateprimary.co.uk)

[year1@rakegateprimary.co.uk](mailto:year1@rakegateprimary.co.uk)

[year4@rakegateprimary.co.uk](mailto:year4@rakegateprimary.co.uk)

Please inform school if any of your contact details change. It is vital that we have your current phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contact numbers so that we can contact you immediately if your child is unwell.

### Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast Club is open from 7.30am and After School club is open until 5.30pm.

Cost for Breakfast Club: £4.00 (including breakfast)

Cost for After School Club: £5.00 up until 4.30pm and £7.00 up until 5.30pm.

Please book in advance and pay on booking.



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### Homework/Home learning

In the event of a lockdown or if your child has to self-isolate, teachers will upload home learning to Google Classrooms. We can provide you with any relevant resources and printed home learning if you require it. Teachers will contact you in September and outline homework expectations.

### Uniform

School will be open between 10.00am and 1.00pm on the 26<sup>th</sup> August if you wish to come in and purchase any uniform.

On PE days, children can come to school wearing their PE kits rather than uniform. (In Winter they may wear plain black, blue or grey jogging bottoms rather than black shorts)

In September PE days will be as follows:

Reception – Wednesday

Year 1 – Tuesday & Friday

Year 2 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 3 – Thursday & Friday

Year 4 – Wednesday & Friday

Year 5 – Monday & Friday

Year 6 – Wednesday & Thursday

If any plans do change over the summer, we will communicate to you by Marvellous Me, Facebook, Twitter and the school website prior to 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Thank you for your continued support in this extremely difficult time. Sending best wishes to all of our families, have a lovely summer and we look forward to welcoming all the children back in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Horton  
Headteacher



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