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Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back!

What an amazing first week back at school - it's been great to see all the classes full once again with our wonderful children; happy and enjoying their learning and playing together with their friends.

Although the school grounds, the daily routines and the classrooms might all be a little different, everyone has taken this in their stride - a huge thank you to all children, parents and carers for your support with this.

We have actually had 98.25% attendance this week, which is wonderful!

Pick-up and Drop-off Times

Thank you for working with us during the week. It can always be a challenge when implementing new systems, especially when trying to make the school site as safe as possible as a result of the current situation we find ourselves all in. However, I hope the routines and expectations we have introduced are proving beneficial to all and enabling you to safely drop off and collect your children.

Drop-off

- Thank you following the staggered opening 'window' for each class. It has been a huge help with children not all arriving at once. Please ensure that you continue to arrive within your allocated time.
- We will continue to have staff on the playground to support with this. When you arrive, please let your child come and stand on the waiting area outside their class. As soon as there is a member of staff in that area, please leave the site immediately- this will further help reduce the number of adults on site at any one time. Thank you for this.
- Please also ensure that only one adult brings the children to school.

Pick-up

- Ideally, please only come into the school site during the 'window' when your child/ren need picking up. (If you are a few minutes early, please stand to the back of the playground/grass area, socially distanced).

- As we continually try review and improve our systems, *we are now asking that when it is the child's window to be collected, please can just some (8/9 maximum) parents/carers come forward right up to the cones/tapes, whilst the other parents hold back until there is a space at the front. This is because it is essential that we try to leave a clear pathway/gap between parents/carers who are stood near the cones (1 row only) and those waiting patiently behind the walk way. By making this change, it will reduce congestion at the end of the day as well as allowing for a clear pathway for parents to walk through as they exit the school grounds.*
- We are considering asking parents/carers to wear face coverings when entering the school site; we will review this at the beginning of next week and let you know. Please try to socially distance so we will not need to do this.

We also ask that the drive through is used for cars only - it is not a path to exit at the bottom of the school grounds. Please use the path around the outside of the school. Thank you.

Nursery and Reception Children

A warm welcome and well done to our all our children in Nursery and Reception this week. For many, it is their first time in our school and they have settled in brilliantly! Lots of smiles as they have all enjoyed meeting new friends, new staff and having fun learning.

Tapestry Info for Year 1 Parents

If any Year 1 parents would like to access and print off any observations of your child from their time in Foundation Stage, now is the time to do it. As of **Friday 18th September**, we will be deleting previous accounts in order to set up new ones for our new Nursery and Reception children.

Year 7

It has been lovely to see so many of last year's Year 6 children this week. Everyone looks so grown up in their new uniform, and from the conversations I have had, the first week has gone really well and I am sure this will continue - good luck! You will thrive!

Newsletters

Your child/ren should have brought home with them tonight a copy of the phase newsletter. This welcomes everyone to the phase, introduces the staff who will be working with the children, as well as outlining areas of the curriculum they will be learning about during the first part of the Autumn term. There is a slightly different approach to many of the subjects this year - we are teaching a short block of work during the Autumn term and then revisiting the work later in the year, using and applying the knowledge learnt at the start of the year. Using this model for delivering the curriculum is based on research about how children learn and is aimed

at helping children to continuously build their understanding of subject areas, making links between their learning to deepen their understanding.

PE Days

PE will start next week for KS1 and KS2 children.

Which day does my child need to wear their outdoor PE kit to school?

Class	PE Days - Children to come to school in their outdoor PE kits.
Class 1	Monday and Tuesday
Class 1/2	Tuesday and Wednesday
Class 2	Wednesday and Friday
Class 3	Monday and Thursday
Class 3/4	Monday and Thursday
Class 4	Wednesday and Thursday
Class 5	Monday and Thursday
Class 5/6	Thursday and Friday
Class 6	Wednesday and Friday

What is outdoor PE kit?

- Black or dark, plain tracksuit bottoms
- Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt, with or without the school logo
- Dark coloured tracksuit top or sweatshirt
- Trainers - as children are wearing their PE kit for the school day, if they already have black trainers these are preferable. If you do not already have these, any trainers will be fine.

Children in Year 6.

Just a reminder that the deadline for parents applying for high school applications is 31st October. Please apply before this date to give your child the best chance of being allocated their preferred school.

Kidz Club

We are all ready to open Kidz Club on Monday. At present the majority of sessions are full or only have a few spaces. Please email admin@rothwellprimary.leeds.sch.uk with any enquiries.

Children who are joining us in Kidz Club next week should have brought home a letter with key information about the arrangements regarding drop off and collection, plus numerous other things. If for any reason your children did not bring their letter home, please look on the school website:

[Parents/Letters/ Kidz Club 11.9.20](#)

Water

Most children have remembered their named water bottle, which has been brilliant. Just a reminder, as always, they should only be bringing in plain water, not flavoured water. As a healthy school, flavoured water has never been part of our policy.



Milk

Please email admin if you would like your child to have school milk if not already requested. A payment of £36 will then be added onto parentpay.

Trim Trail

A huge THANK YOU to Mrs Ramsden for her fantastic skills, determination and effort in managing this project; we now have a wonderful new trim trail for our children. Without her incredible efforts, the children would not have this great equipment.

Due to the separate bubbles, each class will be allocated a week when they can play on this exciting new equipment.

Please note - it is important that children remain with adults and to not use this trim trail equipment or play on the field at the start and end of the school day, as this may mean the equipment can not be used that week, as children from another bubble have used this.

This week has been a great success. Thank you to my wonderful staff team, as always going over and above to make the impossible possible, all with a smile. I am so proud of what we have all achieved together.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your support this week; we know the systems may be different, but it is all to help keep you and your children safe and I am grateful for the way that so many of you have recognised this and followed the systems. Thank you.

Have a great weekend!

Many thanks.

Leila Rothenburg
Headteacher.

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And expect our staff and volunteers to share this commitment**

Working together to



our potential.