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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are more than half way through this half term already - the weeks are flying by.

Thank you to my incredible staff team, who against the odds have once again gone over and above, with a smile on their faces, supporting our school community, children and team! Every day we are responding to so many changes, together as a team! What a group of amazing people!

A reminder that Monday 7th December is a training day for staff and school is therefore closed.

Our assembly theme this week celebrated British Values, and once again focused on the importance of showing Respect. On this occasion, children were chosen for making the right choices, speaking out when they thought something was wrong and listening carefully to other children's point of view. Congratulations to our incredible children who have been chosen this week. You really are amazing!



Class 1 Emelia F; Class 1/2 Freddy GB; Class 2 Aaron J.
Class 3 Jack J; Class 3/ 4 Jacob B; Class 4 Evie B.
Class 5 Simona J; Class 5/6 Preston F; Class 6 Marlie T.

COVID Update

Thank you so much for helping to keep our school community safe by wearing a face covering when entering the school site (and ideally on the narrow pathways outside of school).



To help keep our school community safe, **we recommend wearing a face covering** when entering the school premises.



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Please maintain social distance 2m+ even whilst wearing a mask.
Thank you

PLEASE HELP!

The pathways and entrances outside of school are very narrow.

Please keep these areas clear and do not stop to have conversations along the way. We have several vulnerable members in our community and we **MUST** all do our best to keep these busy areas clear.

PLEASE HELP US – Please keep your children with you at all times when you are on the school site. **CHILDREN MUST NOT** go anywhere near the Trim Trail. **If they do so, it may mean that bubbles are not able to use the equipment for the next 48 hours.** Please help us to keep our school community safe!



- **PLEASE DO NOT** send your child to school if they have any of the three main COVID symptoms.
 - A high temperature – this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).
 - A new continuous cough.
 - A loss or change to your sense of taste or smell.
- **If you have a positive result – please email us immediately with the subject named as POSITIVE TEST and a copy of the confirmation, so we can review any action that may need taking to keep people safe. admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk**
- If your child has to isolate, they must stay at home. If they have siblings that need dropping off and you have no-one who can support you with this, please contact the school office and we will work with you to find a solution.
- Please email the results, even if it is a household member, before bringing your child back to school.
- If you are outside, within 1 metre of another parent for 1 minute (with or without a mask) you would be classed as a close contact if they were to have the virus. People are contagious from 2 days before they even have any symptoms. This would mean you would have to isolate for 14 days if Test and Trace had to track close contacts. Please try to maintain 2m+.
- If your child shows any of the 3 symptoms, we have to contact you to ask you to isolate as a household and anyone with symptoms must then access a test. This is the same for children across the country. As a parent myself, I understand the difficulties and additional stress this may cause, but we have to do everything we can to keep our school community as safe as possible.
- Please follow the 1 way system at all times please.
- Please try to ensure only 1 family member enters the school site to drop off or collect children, in order to reduce unnecessary risks.

Reminder for those parents applying for a place in Reception Class – starting September 2021

We will be holding a Zoom meeting for prospective Reception parents on **Monday 30th November at 4pm.**

If you would like to join this meeting, please email us and we will send you an invite. If you have any questions you would like answering, please also include these in your email. We look forward to seeing you there!



What do I do if I need to speak to my child's teacher or support staff about something private?

If you wish to talk to your child's teacher/support staff member about something private/confidential, please email the school admin team and we will get back to you. With the COVID restrictions in place, it is not appropriate to speak about personal things when collecting or dropping your child off, where other parents can hear. We respect your privacy and must also try to maintain the social distancing of 2m+ to help keep our school community safe.

When an email has been received, we will do our best to get back to you during the day, though please be patient with this as many staff are fulfilling multiple roles across school at the moment. If an incident has happened in school, we will telephone you if we need to inform you of anything personal (e.g. anything you would not want sharing in front of other parents). This call may be within the school day, or after school once the children have been collected.

Healthy Lunchboxes

We continue to be impressed with so many of the children's healthy lunchbox choices. Some are very creative! Thank you for your on-going support with this. It does make a massive difference when everyone tries to achieve this together, as a class and as a school. We will continue to focus on this as it provides such a key element of developing a healthy lifestyle, which is one of our core REACH values. Any parents/carers who might need some guidance regarding healthy lunchbox choices, please email the office or visit the school website for support.

Christmas at RPS!

Unfortunately due to the current situation, we will not be allowing Christmas cards to be exchanged in or around the school grounds this year. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.



That being said, in our usual way, we will not be focusing on what we can't do this Christmas, but instead looking at what we CAN DO!

We will be having a special Christmas lunch, with our class bubbles in the hall. (Thank you for those of you who have booked Christmas lunch for their child).

We have plenty of Christmas activities and treats, including class celebrations. We will also have our own Christmas Jumper Day to raise funds to help our friends in the community.

As well as this, we are wanting to support local families via the Rothwell Foodbank at Blackburn Hall, alongside Morrison's. We recognise that times are difficult for so many families at present and we are making plans about how we can support our local community during these uncertain times.

If you are able to contribute, we are asking for donations of non-perishable food such as: tinned goods, pasta, rice, long life milk, cereal, crisps and biscuits.



There will be a collection bin outside the school office where donations can be placed between Monday 30th November and Friday 11th December.

We also have some additional fun planned for the children to make these coming weeks special.

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you for supporting us along this rollercoaster. We will continue to work together in partnership with yourselves, to be the best we can be for our children and community.

Thank you!

Have a great weekend.

Leila Rothenburg
Headteacher