



Rawmarsh Sandhill Primary School Newsletter

Covid-19 Guidance Update

Covid-19 guidance has been updated for this new school year. Any child below the age of 18 does **not** need to self-isolate if they either live in the same household, or are a close contact of a positive case. In these cases, children would be expected in school. It is advised a PCR test is taken in these cases for reassurance, and children do not need to self-isolate whilst waiting for this result.

The above guidance is also true for any adult who has been double vaccinated.

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all our wonderful children, parents and carers! We hope you have had a good break and are ready for the new school year. The children have settled in really well, and it has been fantastic to see so many smiling faces and excited little people ready for their new school year. We are really hopeful that this school year will be a greater return to 'normal', and look forward to planning many more events and experiences for the children. Personally, I am also looking forward to getting to know everyone and talking about their learning and experience of Sandhill. A massive welcome and best wishes to all our children and families!

Attendance

Excellent attendance is of vital importance to all children, especially given the disruption experienced over the last year and a half. To support this, we are reverting to our original registration times from Monday 6th September, which are 8:30am for children in Fs1, 8:55am for children in Fs2 and Key Stage 1 and 9:05am for children in Key Stage 2. Any arrival after this time will be marked as late. Children need to be on the yard, or by their entry doors at least ten minutes before these times so that their teachers can ensure they are ready to learn and in their places for registration. Following guidance from the local authority, and our Trust, we will also be resuming our graduated approach to term-time holidays and persistent absence, so please aim for excellent attendance for your child/ren! Thankyou for your support.

Uniform

It has been great to see so many children looking smart and ready to learn this week. From Monday 6th September, we would like to remind parents/carers that **all** children need to be wearing their school uniform, including trousers/skirts and shoes. On PE days, children can still come in their PE kits, as this minimizes the risk of mixing clothing items. Your child's class teacher will communicate this to your child and through Dojo. Children in uniform feel pride and passion in their work, recognizing they are no longer at home, and are ready to learn. This is something I know you would all wish to support!

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club provision will resume from Monday 6th September. This provides children with a breakfast and other activities to support working parents, or for flexibility in childcare arrangements and begins from 8am.

If you are interested in using this provision, please contact the school office who can explain the costs involved as well as making a booking providing there is space available.

School Priorities for 2021-22

We are working hard to ensure that the children at Rawmarsh Sandhill have the best possible education. This year, our initial focus will be on:

Making sure that your child's writing and how we teach it is as effective as possible. We want them to enjoy writing, share with you what they are working on and be keen to talk about their work.

Be positive! We want your child to know that anytime they are stuck or feel you cannot do something, they will be able to! We will work with you to provide ways that you can support this at home.

We will make sure that all the staff in charge of our school work with the teachers to make sure we are all working consistently. This is really important as many of us are new and looking forward to working with you all.