



# Rendlesham Primary School

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Week Beginning 01 March 2021

## Welcome Back and Attendance

We are so excited to be able to welcome back all children from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The staff cannot wait to see everyone and we are looking forward to beginning our journey to normality.

We will still be carrying out temperature checks and regular sanitising and handwashing as well as enhanced cleaning of key contact points in school and there will still be bubbles but these will now consist of whole phases rather than classes to enable us to begin to teach regular lessons.

All home learning will cease on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March, but support will be offered for children who are shielding

As schools will be fully reopened **attendance is compulsory** unless your child has a shielding letter. Any non-attendance will be unauthorised and no home learning provision will be offered.

## IMPORTANT Change to our Nursery times

From 8<sup>th</sup> March Nursery sessions will be

8.30 -11.30 and 12.30 - 3.30

Please ensure you collect and drop off promptly at the **new morning times**

## Entrances and social distancing

There will be a new **one way system** in place for Reception, KS1 and Nursery families. Please enter school via the gates at the Reception classroom end of the school and follow the path round to your child's classroom. Please drop off and leave swiftly, exiting the playground via the gates by the dinner hall onto the carpark,

Years 3 and 4 please wait outside the office doors at the front and enter school via the main school reception when staff greet you.

Years 5 and 6 carry on using the fire escape at the front of the school and line up between the fire escape and the car park.

Please note Parents are not permitted in school at this time.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCE, AND DO NOT LINGER ON OR NEAR THE SCHOOL PREMISES. WEARING OF FACE MASKS IS ENCOURAGED.

## Staff Changes

I am sad to inform you that we are saying goodbye to 2 members of staff at Easter but we are delighted that they are both moving on to new phases in their lives so we are excited for them too.

Firstly Mr Kemp is leaving us after 10 years at Rendlesham. He is taking time out of the world of education and making the most of the opportunity to start a new challenge. Having worked with Matt for 8 years I am sad to say good bye to such a dedicated member of the team and I know that his care of the children and commitment to the school over many years will be missed by us all. We wish him well and thank him for all his hard work and friendship.

We are also saying farewell to Mr Hardy at Easter as he moves to another school within Consortium Academy and takes up a post as Assistant Academy Head. We are obviously sad to lose him from Rendlesham but pleased that he remains part of our family of schools so he won't be forgotten. Mr Hardy started his teaching career with us and after taking on a senior teacher role last year we are thrilled that he is continuing his journey into leadership. We wish him well and look forward to seeing him at Trust events.

Mr Hardy will be replaced by Mr Phil Jones and Mrs Fairweather at Easter - more details for Saxons parents will follow shortly.

## Lunch times

School lunches will be served in takeaway boxes again and there will be a lunch box style option instead of pic'n'mix which offers a cheese or ham sandwich choice.

Once the weather warms up a bit older children will be able to pic-nic outside as well if they would like to.





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## PE Lessons and uniform IMPORTANT CHANGES

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March we would like children to arrive at school in PE kit on PE days (your teachers will let you know the day for PE) and remain in their kit all day. This removes the need for children to use the changing rooms which are small spaces and also saves valuable lesson time, if we don't need to change twice in the lesson.

We will be strict on PE uniform and require the following kit to be worn: Plain white or navy T-shirt or polo shirt, Navy shorts, Navy skorts or Navy joggers and a navy sweatshirt.

All of these items are available on the Brigade website but we would also accept plain navy bottoms and hoodies and a plain white or navy top from other providers. Please see our website for full details or go to the Brigade online shop direct <https://www.rendlesham.suffolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Information+for+Parents+%26amp%3B+Carers&pid=93>  
<http://www.brigade.uk.com/direct/index.php>

**Please ensure you treat this clothing as part of the school uniform and do not send children in to school in general sportswear.**

## Important PROVISIONAL Dates

We are obviously working to deadlines set by the government and these are all **provisional and subject to change** – However, if we are able to safely conduct larger events the following provisional dates have been set aside:

Sports Day 24<sup>th</sup> June

Yr 5/6 Play (staged outdoors and 1 performance only) 30<sup>th</sup> June

FORS Family BBQ 9<sup>th</sup> July

We are also provisionally planning some leavers activities for our Yr 6s as they missed their residential trip. More info will follow soon.

## Breakfast and After School Club

We are starting our before and after school provision with effect from 8<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to book a place please use the booking form on School Gateway as normal.

We would like to advise you that children will be in one bubble at the clubs and will not be required to stay in isolated bubbles. This means that if a child attending club contracts COVID then all the children that had substantial contact in the previous 48 hours, no matter what their year group, would be required to isolate for 10 days.

## School Uniform

All of our uniform is available on the Brigade website so if you are unable to shop in stores please use this facility to purchase uniform.

[http://www.brigade.uk.com/content.php?page=select\\_school](http://www.brigade.uk.com/content.php?page=select_school)

Home Learning We know many children are tiring of home learning, now that they have a return date – but please, please ensure that your children are reading every day as a minimum expectation. Thank You.

We will be teaching lessons related to wellbeing and learning strategies for a few days to support all children back into the rhythm of a full school day. But be prepared for some tired children over the next couple of weeks!  
See you all Monday Morning @ 8.30am ☺

