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Roughwood Primary School Newsletter

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Returning in September

You should now have received a letter explaining the plans to open school to all children in September. If you have not seen this letter, it is available on Class DoJo. Your child will now be in their new classes on Class DoJo and Zoom calls have been extremely successful over the last two weeks for transitions.

Start and finish times will be within the 8:45 am - 3:30 pm time frame. School will close at 1:30pm every Friday from the 11th September to allow for Deep Cleaning and PPA time - this will enable us to restrict movement of cover personnel across bubbles during the week.

Start and Finish times

Upper KS2 Bubble	Year 5 and Year 6 classes	Start time: 8:45 am Finish time: 3 pm
Lower KS2 Bubble	Year 3 and Year 4 classes	Start time: 9:00 am Finish time: 3:15 pm
KS1 Bubble	Year 1 and Year 2 classes	Start time: 9:00 am Finish time: 3:15 pm
Chestnuts Bubble	Chestnuts FS2 classes	Start time: 8:45 am Finish time: 3:00 pm
Acorns & Little Acorns bubble	Acorns and Little Acorns classes	Start time: 8:45 am Finish time AM : 11:45 am Finish time PM : 3:00 pm

Entrances to school

To allow us to keep start times as close together as possible, we have restricted school to one entrance and one exit. This allows us to create a circular route through school grounds.

In order to keep contact to a minimum and our children and staff safe, in the Autumn Term we will not be allowing parents and visitors to access school, parents are encouraged to move swiftly through the school grounds and TAs will be out to ensure this is happening. No parents are to congregate in the school grounds or by the gates to allow for access.

Keep up to date with what's happening in school on the website: www.roughwoodprimary.org

On the website is an online calendar where we post all events.

Uniform and PE Kits

We have always expected children in school to wear full uniform throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We are expecting all children to be in full uniform from September and have appropriate PE kit in school. Correct school uniform will help children feel a sense of pride and belonging to our school following what has been a difficult time for many. Children wear our uniform with pride and represent the school and our values, vision and ethos.

Yearly Awards

We couldn't let the awards ceremony be forgotten about during the pandemic. Thank you to everyone who joined us from home. We had close to 40 participants online and the event was a roaring success. Mrs Fearnley even joined us for receiving these prestigious awards today. Nominations and awards have been distributed today for 'girl' and 'boy of the year' in each class. Additional awards have been given for excellence, respect and friendship. We could not be more proud of your achievements this year. Awards were given for sports, reading and artist of the year too! Well done to all children – at school and learning from home. We are extremely proud of everyone.



Year 6 Celebration

Year 6 have had a celebration picnic today to say goodbye as they move on to secondary school from September. We have had pizza and drinks. Our drinks were very kindly donated from the local McCalls shop. This was a wonderful afternoon and we are sad to see such talented, creative and dedicated learners.



Free School Meals

We are currently providing hampers to families eligible for Free School Meals through the benefits system. As you may be aware, the Government had announced that Free School meals will continue to be provided through the 6-weeks holidays. Roughwood will move back to the voucher system for the 6-week holiday period. Families who are eligible will receive vouchers in instalments every 2 weeks starting the week beginning 20th July.

If you feel your circumstances have changed and that you may be eligible for FSM through the benefits system, you can check by returning a simple form to school or apply online. In order to receive vouchers school must have a valid email address which you can access to download them.



Free school meal vouchers

As a reminder, if parents go to this [website](https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/benefits/apply-free-school-meals), they can still apply for FSM under the benefits entitlement scheme.

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/benefits/apply-free-school-meals>

Our school website also has a form which can be completed and returned to school.

<https://roughwoodprimary.org/free-school-meals/>

Willow Oaks Early years

OPEN IN SEPTEMBER

We are proud to introduce a two-year-olds provision to our Willow Oaks Early Years at Roughwood. Please take a look at the latest area of our website for more information.

We are currently accepting applications for September so please complete the online form or contact school to register your interest.

If you have a child who is two or who will have their second birthday before 1st September, then you could access 15 hours of child care.

Please visit <https://roughwoodprimary.org/early-years/> for more information and share with friend and family who would be interested in joining us here at Roughwood.



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Twitter is also a great way to get notifications to your phone. Follow us [@roughwoodschool](https://twitter.com/RoughwoodSchool)



There is a calendar online at www.roughwoodprimary.org/calendar

The calendar has all the latest information for you and you can access this on your phone.

Reminders

First day back at school is Thursday 3rd September
We have circular routes through the school grounds for everyone's safety
Please adhere to all social distancing guidelines to help us keep school safe and open

Thank you for your continued support, please visit our

Twitter page - <https://twitter.com/RoughwoodSchool>

Website - <http://www.roughwoodprimary.org>

Class Stories – www.classdojo.com