



Roehampton Church School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Please find below some further information ready for the return of the children on Monday. We are all very excited to see them again and eager to get going with our new school year. This letter does not apply to Nursery and Reception who have their own individual start times and dates. The information below refers to years 1-6.

I don't need to remind parents and carers that things will be different and sometime difficult but we will make our new system work to ensure that everyone can return as safely as possible. We will probably have to adjust things as we go but I will always endeavour to keep you informed about the adjustments we have to make.

Please be aware that we are implementing a new system of crossing Ponsonby Road so that we can create more space for parents and carers to safely line up. Mr Smith will still be doing lollipop duty but he will be further up the road. Staff will be on hand to help everyone get the hang of it.

I am going to present the information in bullet point form again for ease of reading and the starting / finishing times in a table again for ease.

From Monday September 7th:

Class	Start time	Collection time
Year 1	9.00	3.10
Year 2	9.10	3.20
Year 3	9.00	3.10
Year 4	9.10	3.20
Year 5	9.00	3.10
Year 6	9.10	3.20

- **PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY AND DROP YOUR CHILDREN OFF. THIS WILL CAUSE UNNECESSARY CONGESTION, WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED TO AVOID. PLEASE AIM TO ARRIVE AT YOUR START TIME AND THEN LEAVE THE SCHOOL AREA PROMPTLY.**
- Staff will be on hand to help with directions etc on Monday morning.
- Please send the children in wearing full school uniform, school shoes and with book bags.
- Please also send the children with a packed lunch. Children who are eligible for FREE SCHOOL MEALS will be provided with a sandwich lunch from the kitchen. Lunches will be eaten in classrooms.
- If you have any questions (and I am sure you will have lots!) then please do feel free to call the office and either speak to one of the office staff who will try and help or ask to be put through to Ms Azurdia or I who will hopefully be able to answer your





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questions. Things will undoubtedly change and move on and I will keep everyone in the loop with any changes we have to make in good time. The priority is firstly get the children back in school.

- Attendance is now mandatory again and no longer a matter of parental choice.
- I will write separately to explain our thinking behind the Friday afternoon closure situation. What has changed since my last letter is that for those parents and carers who would need child care for the Friday afternoon we will now be able to offer this at school until the normal collection time of 3.10 or 3.20. More on this early next week.
- The children will be given a day for PE which at present will always be outside. On this day to avoid unnecessary items in school they will be able to come to school in their PE kits for that day only. More information to follow.
- Hand washing routines and sanitizing will become part of the children's daily structure.
- Breakfast club and afterschool clubs will start again soon. We will send separate instructions on this next week as I am conscious parents and carers need this provision but again we have to ensure we can offer it in the safest way possible.
- The children will do everything in their class 'bubble' and won't come out of this bubble to mix with other children.
- Playtimes and lunchtimes will be separate for each class. There will not be any communal gatherings such as assemblies etc at present. All acts of worship will either be in individual classes or done virtually via our intranet.
- All visits to school are now by appointment only. Please book these through the school office. We cannot have parents and carers on site if you haven't arranged to come. I appreciate that we will have emergency situations etc but we will deal with these as and when they happen. However if you wish to speak with anyone in school can I please ask you do this through the school office from now on.
- All visitors on the school site including parents and carers who come for a pre-arranged meeting / visit will be asked to wear a face covering and use the sanitizer on entry to the school.

That's it for now. I will be in contact once we are up and going as I am sure things will need to be adjusted as we go to ensure they are the best they possible can be.

Very best wishes, looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Richard Woodfin
Headteacher

