



# Roehampton Church School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Here we go with the first letter of October. September has flown by and I can't believe we are on the run in to half term already. As normal, I will separate the information into sub headings for ease of reading.

## **Lateness**

If your child arrives late in the morning, they will now be kept to one side with the staff on the gates until all the children are in school. The staff will then escort the children into class. It has become too difficult to get the children into class immediately when they arrive. The children will be distanced from any others that are not in their class to maintain social distancing between bubbles. Please do try to arrive at your child's allocated time as this makes everything run smoothly. Many thanks.

## **School Street**

We are pressing ahead with our trial of the School Street scheme. In essence, this will mean that Ponsonby Road is closed to all traffic apart from residents during the periods around drop off and collection. I have attached to the email (along with this letter) a letter from Sustrans, the company working with Wandsworth Council to deliver this programme. Please have a read of the letter and visit the website to find out more. I am very aware that this scheme if we implement it will be extremely inconvenient for some parents and carers who drive to school. I myself have had to take an alternative route to school every morning due to a similar scheme in Kingston. However, the point is that it will keep parents, carers and children safer at the two times during the day when there are quite literally two hundred adults and children on Ponsonby Road. I envisage that if we go ahead we won't need to keep the road shut for anything like the full hour that is suggested, as everyone has been very good at dropping and collecting the children in the shortest time possible, then vacating the area quickly. Please do contact me with any questions and queries you may have as I am sure you will especially if you drive a car to school. I look forward to hearing from you.

## **Free school meals**

A reminder that if your child is in Reception, year 1 or year 2 you will be eligible for universal infant free school meals. This means that if you would like your child to have a sandwich made by the school kitchen on a daily basis you are most welcome and this will be at no extra cost to you. If however you and your child prefer to bring lunch from home that is equally fine with us. Please refer to the text sent from the office today. Many thanks.

## **New Vicar**

This week saw the inauguration of our new Vicar Rev Joshua Rey. Joshua (as he likes to be known) has already started taking church assemblies on a Wednesday (one class at a time) and is very keen to become more involved with the life of the school. This will sadly be limited given the current circumstances but I am sure that he will be a fantastic addition to the RCS team and its great to get the children back into our wonderful Holy Trinity.

## **Flu immunisation forms**

If you haven't had chance to return the flu immunisation forms to us yet can you please do so by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Many thanks.

## **Change of circumstances**

If the current economic climate has effected you or your partner and your financial circumstances have changed then please do let us know as we can access support with food from a variety of local support networks. Please let the school office know that you would like a discussion with Mrs Rochester and she will give you a call. All enquiries are completely confidential.

Many thanks to everyone for making the first month back in these extraordinary times so successful. A great community effort by all involved with RCS. Have a restful weekend.

Very best wishes  
Richard Woodfin

