

St Edmund's Way Rainham, Kent ME8 8ET



Happy, Helpful, Hard-working

Friday 10th September 2021

Term 1 2021/22

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our first full week back at school has been a busy one, with children learning new routines and being able to re-establish routines from before the pandemic. Our Reception classes have stayed for lunch and experienced for the first time how to collect their meals from the canteen, scrape their plates and sit with their friends whilst they eat their food. This, of course, is also a different routine for our Year 1 children too. so everyone has done incredibly well to ensure the system runs smoothly.

It was wonderful to see representatives of FoRPS attend their first face-to-face meeting back in school again on Tuesday. It was great to see so many of our parents/carers enjoying a long overdue catch up over a cuppa, whilst eagerly making tentative plans for possible future events for the school. That amazing community feel is beginning to come back to Riverside and we are very excited to start getting back to normal.

We have also enjoyed our first whole school assemblies back in the hall this week. Bringing everyone together was guite emotional but was an opportunity to remind all the children of our values and expectations, and to celebrate all of their achievements in coming back to school.

We have provided information on Dojo this week about the new provider for Breakfast and After School Club, which will be starting on 1st November. If you require a space, you need to complete and return the form detailing your requirements in order to secure a place. We are hopeful that this will support more of our families with wrap-around child care.

COVID-19

It is still a requirement for children to regularly wash their hands in school. Please help us with this message by encouraging regular and thorough handwashing when the children are not at school too, so that it becomes a natural part of children's daily routine. We are also required to provide plenty of ventilation in the classrooms and practise the "Catch it, Bin it, Kill It" routine for better hygiene in school.

Just a reminder, especially for our new families, that the Trim Trail is not allowed to be used before or after school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Finally, Mrs Wood is now in post as our new Home School Support Worker and is available for any parent who requires an appointment to discuss support she may be able to offer. Please keep an eye on Dojo next week for further details.

Yours sincerely,

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