

# Newsletter

Riverside Primary School & Nursery  
St Edmund's Way  
Rainham,  
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*Happy, Helpful, Hard-working*

Friday 7th January 2022

Term 3 2021/22

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and happy new year! It has been lovely seeing everyone after the Christmas break. The children have settled well and continue to show great Riverside Attitude. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Richardson, who is our new nursery class teacher and has been enjoying getting to know all the Rabbits this week. Our nursery offers places to children once they turn three. If you require a place please visit the school office.

Just to give you a quick Covid update, in primary schools our guidance has not changed since before Christmas. We are still ventilating rooms, ensuring regular handwashing / sanitising and encouraging children to 'catch it, bin it, kill it'. Adults in school are wearing face masks in communal areas and we are asking parents who come into school to wear them as well. People are advised to carry out lateral flow tests regularly and not come to school if you have any one of the following symptoms:

- ◆ a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- ◆ a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- ◆ a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

A reminder that you need to apply for a school place if your child turns 4 by August 31st 2022. The deadline for applying is Saturday 15th January. If you still need to apply, visit [medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions](https://www.medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions). If you need any help please visit the school office.

Swimming lessons will be starting for Year 2 next week—Puffins on a Monday and Squirrels on a Thursday.

Finally, please be considerate of our neighbours when parking outside the school. Cars should not be blocking drives or garages. You are allowed to park in the car park of The Rainham Arms (formerly The Concorde), which is only a short walk away.

Have a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Kim Wilmer  
Headteacher

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