

Autumn 1 Newsletter 20-21



Week beginning 14th September 2020

Dear families...

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. It's been almost a week since the children returned to Rednal and it's been wonderful all reacquainting ourselves; it's seemed an age since we were all in the building together. I thought it timely to pen a newsletter as there have been quite a few changes and pieces of information that need to be given out.

You will be aware that lockdown restrictions have been announced for Birmingham. We received confirmation on Friday afternoon from the DfE that we will be moving to Tier 1. [The full COVID-19 contain framework is available at this link](#) and the Tier 1 information is below.

Tier 1

The default position for areas in national government intervention is that **education and childcare settings will remain open**. An area moving into national intervention with restrictions short of education and childcare closure is described as 'tier 1'. There are no changes to childcare, and the only difference in education settings is that where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.

All nurseries, childminders, schools, colleges and other educational establishments should remain open and continue to allow all their children and young people to attend, on site, with no other restrictions in place.

We will continue to keep you updated as information is published by the government.

Comfortable Clothing Days

From Monday the 14th September, children will be required to wear 'comfortable clothing' on the following days:

3AY	Tuesday and Thursday	5NB	Wednesday and Friday
3KS	Tuesday and Thursday	5TH	Wednesday and Friday
3NC	Tuesday and Thursday	5VR	Wednesday and Friday
4EO	Tuesday and Wednesday	6LF	Monday and Thursday
4NE	Monday and Wednesday	6SC	Monday and Thursday
4SG	Wednesday and Friday	6SM	Monday and Thursday

The 'comfortable clothing' days coincide with the days that your child will be involved in the following types of lessons: Sport, Physical Education (PE), Science and Forest School (Y3 only). If children come to school on these day in 'comfortable clothing', this will mean that they will not need to change their clothes during the school day.

Comfortable Clothing requirements:

- Footwear – Trainers
- Leggings, jogging bottoms or shorts (weather permitting)
- T-shirt with short or long sleeves (no vest tops)
- Tracksuit top, fleece, hoodie, etc

It is essential that the comfortable clothes allow for outdoor physical activity and are cooling when the weather is warm and warming when the weather is cool.

Pupil illness

Since returning we have had a few worried parents seeking advice around pupil illness. We realise how worried people are in the current climate but we all need to remain calm and keep a reasonable sense of perspective. On any September return to school there are always going to be bugs and common viruses around - these will be in addition to COVID 19. We'd like to reiterate the guidance that was sent out in the 'Opening Guide for Parents'. The guidance stated: Do not bring your child to school or on to the school premises if they have shown any symptoms of COVID 19 and/ if you believe that they have been exposed to

it. Please inform the school immediately if your child has any symptoms. [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#) .

If you use the hyperlink in the previous paragraph, it states the following:

The medical advice is clear: you must self-isolate if you have coronavirus symptoms or live in the same household as somebody who does. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- 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)
- 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

As you can appreciate, we can't make a decision for you as we are not medically trained. Our advice is, if you believe your child's symptoms fit any of the above they will need to self-isolate, straight away, for 10 days and get a test by using this link <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. The test is crucial as this will inform us as to what we need to do next.

Please note, the school will adhere to the following DfE guidance: In the event that a parent or guardian insists on a child attending school, we may take the decision to refuse entry to the child if in our reasonable judgement we believe it is necessary to protect our pupils and staff from possible infection with coronavirus (COVID-19). Any such decision will be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and the current public health advice.

For clear details of what to do in the event COVID 19 related school absence, please see page 5 & 6 of this newsletter

Social Distancing

In light of the new guidance for Birmingham, can we remind all families dropping children off on the school site, particularly near the after school club/mini bus doors, of the following information:

- Please ensure that you are keeping a 2 metre distance from other parents and children.
- If possible and safe, children to walk to and enter school by themselves. If a child needs accompanying, only one adult should enter the school site.
- When collecting your child, please can we ask that you exit the site and avoid any gatherings.

Parents Evening update

1. Parents' evening will run by phone this year because of the continuing worries around COVID 19

Parents' evening timings:

Year group	Monday 28 th September	Tuesday 29 th September	Wednesday 30 th September	Thursday 1 st October
Year 3	3:30 to 6:30 (approx.)	3:30 to 5:30 (approx.)		
Year 4	3:30 to 6:30 (approx.)	3:30 to 5:30 (approx.)		
Year 5			3:50 to 6:50 (approx.)	3:50 to 5:50 (approx.)
Year 6			3:50 to 6:50 (approx.)	3:50 to 5:50 (approx.)

The meetings will run in 10 minutes time slots and the meeting will be initiated by a call from your child's teacher.

There will be an electronic booking system in place to allow parents to book a time online, details to follow shortly.

Value Word assemblies

Value Word assemblies will change this year due to the current situation. As most of you will know, in usual times, there was a weekly Y5/Y6 and Y3/Y4 school value word assembly. Every half term we would focus on one of our over-arching values and each week a value word relating to this theme would be introduced in assembly and celebrated by selecting a value word champion the following week.

This year, we will run this differently. At the start of every half term, one of the 6 values will be introduced to each class by the class teacher. This year, when the teacher discusses what this value means they will be using a P4C ([Philosophy for Children](#))

approach, see link for more details. The discussions will include video clips, stories, visual images, news and links to famous people to support the meanings of the values. Classes will generate questions and follow a line of inquiry to deepen understanding of the value and this will be displayed in the classroom (alongside any work generated by the children around this) and referred to throughout the term to raise the profile of the value and to celebrate any children who are acting as role models for this value.

At the end of every half term, there will be a special assembly where 1 value champion will be selected from each class – someone who is an overall, excellent role model for this value. This assembly will be held on the last Friday of every half term. Parents will be invited into the meeting to be part of the celebration. During the assembly we will look to share examples of how the value champion has demonstrated the value in class/school/home as we did in assemblies last year.

Value Word themes for the year

Autumn Term 1 – We value being part of a community

Autumn Term 2 – We value building relationships

Spring Term 1 – We value making good choices

Spring Term 2 – We value being the best that we can be

Summer Term 1 – We value being respectful and considerate

Summer Term 2 – We value being an individual



School App

Don't forget the school App is available via the App store on iPhone and Android platforms. Just search for 'School Jotter'. Once downloaded, enter Rednal Hill Junior School and you'll pick up any school newsletters and relevant news.

School Office

We want to communicate with parents as best as we can during this challenging time. Can we please ask that the majority of your conversations are via telephone or e-mail to ensure safety. If you have any queries please e-mail: enquiry@rednalhilljuniors.com or Telephone: 0121 453 2520. The school office will remain, in most cases, closed to visitors. If you are needing to have direct contact with the office, please use the intercom for communication. Any visits to school will be by appointment only and only if all other avenues of contact have been explored.

Parent Planner

'The Parent Planner' is available on the school's website under [Parent/Carer Information & Calendar & Key Events](#). On the same page is the '[Live Calendar](#)', this gives you a live picture of upcoming events. Swimming dates for Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 are available on the parent planner.

SWIMMING 2020 - 2021		
YEAR 3		
CLASS	FIRST DAY OF SWIMMING	LAST DAY OF SWIMMING
3KS	Tuesday 6th October 2020	Tuesday 5th January 2021
3AY	Tuesday 12th January 2021	Tuesday 20th April 2021
3NC	Tuesday 27th April 2021	Tuesday 13th July 2021
YEAR 5		
CLASS	FIRST DAY OF SWIMMING	LAST DAY OF SWIMMING
5VR	Friday 9th October 2020	Friday 4th December 2020
5NB	Friday 11th December 2020	Friday 5th March 2021
5TH	Friday 12th March 2021	Friday 28th May 2021
YEAR 6		
CLASS	FIRST DAY OF SWIMMING	LAST DAY OF SWIMMING
6LF	Friday 11th June 2021	Friday 18th June 2021
6SC	Friday 25th June 2021	Friday 2nd July 2021
6SM	Friday 9th July 2021	Friday 16th July 2021



Term Dates, Training Days & Special Occasions

Class assemblies will be available to view on our website on the following dates

	3AY	3KS	3NC	4EO	4NE	4SG
Remote	05-05-21	31-03-21	26-05-21	27-01-21	03-03-21	AM 09-12-20
	5NB	5TH	5VR	6LF	6SC	6SM
Remote	11-11-20	10-02-21	07-10-2020	PM 06-07-21 & AM 07-07-21 (times to follow)		

<p><u>Test Weeks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> W/B 14 & 21 September—whole school W/B 23 November Y3-4-5 W/B 30 November Y6 Mocks W/B 8 March Y6 Mocks W/B 15 March Y3-4-5 SATs Week W/B 10 May W/B 14 June Y3-4-5 <p><u>Parents Evenings, proposed times and contact method to follow:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28 & 29-09-2020 Y3/4 30-09 & 01-10-2020 Y5/6 19 & 20-01-2021 (times to follow) 12 & 13-07-2021 (times to follow) 	<p><u>School Photographer in:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBA <p><u>Parent breakfast & chat (cancelled until further notice)</u></p> <p><u>Carols at Christmas (Remotely)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3—14-12-2020 at 2:40pm Y4—15-12-2020 at 2:40pm Y5—16-12-2020 at 2:40pm Y6—17-12-2020 at 2:40pm 	<p><u>Sports Days (guidance allowing)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3 & Y4's sports day 23-06-2021 am Y5 & Y6's sports day 24-06-2021 am <p>Both will start as soon after 9am as possible.</p> <p><u>Transition day</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30-06-2021 <p><u>Y6 Leavers' Production:</u></p> <p>There will be 2 shows -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 06-07-2021 at 2pm Wednesday 07-07-2021 at 9:30am. <p><u>Final live reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Released on 09-07-2021
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<p>Autumn Term 2020</p> <p>Term Starts: Thursday 3rd September 2020</p> <p>Autumn Half Term: Break-up Friday 23rd October 2020- Off 26th October to 2nd November</p> <p>Back to school Tuesday 3rd November 2020</p> <p>Christmas Holiday Break-up Friday 18th December 2020 - Off 21st December to 4th January 2021</p>	<p>Spring Term 2021</p> <p>Term Starts: Tuesday 5th January 2021</p> <p>Spring Half Term: Break-up Friday 12th February 2021 - Off 15th February to 19th February 2021</p> <p>Back to school Monday 22nd February 2021</p> <p>Easter Holidays Break-up: Thursday 1st April 2021 - Off 2nd April to 16th April 2021</p>	<p>Summer Term 2021</p> <p>Term Starts: Monday 19th April 2021</p> <p>May Day Monday 3rd May</p> <p>Summer Half Term: Break-up Friday 28th May 2021 - Off 31st May to 7th June</p> <p>Back to school Tuesday 8th June 2021</p> <p>Summer Holidays Break-up: Wednesday 21st July 2021</p>
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Training days for next year:

Tuesday 1st of September (Risk Assessment, Home Learning Behaviour & Curriculum)

Wednesday 2nd of September (P4C INSET day 1)

Monday 2nd November (P4C INSET day 2)

Monday 4th January (TBD)

Monday 7th June (TBD)

Covid-19 related pupil absence

A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms. <i>High temperature, new continuous cough and loss or change to sense of smell or taste</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test - Inform the school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Ring on each day of illness. 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 14 days. - Child can continue to attend school. 	...child can continue to attend school
... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days. - SCHOOL NAME child(ren) can continue to attend. 	...child can continue to attend school
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled. - contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school. - Self-isolate the whole household. <p><i>*Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information</i></p>	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check the current Exempt countries and territories list to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list. - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school. 	... you have informed the office of your return to the UK <i>(the office will ask you a few questions about your travel).</i>

Covid-19 related pupil absence continued

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... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.	If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check the current Exempt countries and territories list to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list. - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school. 	... you have informed the office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>).
...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school. - The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs (<i>please contact school if you need support getting your child to school</i>). 	...child can continue to attend school
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again. ...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school. 	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.
... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.