



Round Hill Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your family had a lovely summer holiday and your child/children are looking forward to starting school in the coming days. We are looking forward to seeing everyone once again, and will do our very best to help the children to settle into the new term quickly. We have many new families starting at Round Hill across the school and we warmly welcome everyone to our school community.

Reminders and Updates

This letter needs to be read first and in conjunction with the final School Bulletin of the last school year dated [26th July](#) as it contains important information about starting back at school tomorrow, Wednesday 1st September (with the exception of EYFS who have separate start dates). Please take time to read it carefully to remind yourself as the contents relate to all new and existing pupils at Round Hill. I appreciate there is some repetition, but this is deliberate to ensure the key elements are passed on.

In the [updated Government guidance](#) for the reopening of schools, we will still be implementing the 'standard' measures of enhanced cleaning, good hand hygiene practice, and good ventilation. In addition, whilst we will no longer be operating in 'bubbles' we will not be holding assemblies in the hall just yet. Staggered start and end times have always been a feature of our large site and will remain as before (see below). All measures have been risk assessed and will be reviewed regularly.

[This link takes you to the Coronavirus Page](#) on the school website which has details about how we will manage an outbreak at school. [This useful flow chart is a summary of our Coronavirus Outbreak Management Plan.](#)

School Opening Times

Firstly, please do not send your child into school if they are showing symptoms or have been diagnosed with Coronavirus. Please let the office know, so we can keep our records up to date.

As previously, children are to come straight into the building. School opening times will be staggered to support social distancing in a similar way to before. The staggered start times allow parents to move from one playground to another and prevent large gatherings at any particular time. If the times cause a problem, then please let us know and we will do our best to help.

	Start Time	Finish Time	Dropping off	Collecting
Reception	9.00 a.m. *	3.15 p.m.	Small Playground	Small Playground
Year 1 and 2	9.00 a.m.	3.15 p.m.	Large playground	Small Playground
Year 3 and 4	8.55 a.m.	3.20 p.m.	Large playground	Large playground
Year 5 and 6	8.50 a.m.	3.20 p.m.	Large playground	Large Playground

Arrival at School

- *A reminder that if your child is in one of the new EYFS classes, please make sure you bring your child into their classroom for the first few weeks. To support social distancing and to allow a staggered start, EYFS doors will be open between 8.50 a.m. and 9.10 a.m.
- If you have children in Years 1-6 who need to be dropped off at different times, you can drop them all off at the earliest drop off time and we will escort children to their classroom e.g. if you have a child in Year 2 and Year 5, you can drop them both off in the large playground at 8.50 a.m. or if you have a child in Year 1 and Year 3, you can drop them both off at 8.55 a.m.
- Parents are allowed on the site, but we kindly request that you leave the site immediately after you have collected and/or dropped off your child. We ask that parents do not congregate inside or outside of the school at drop off and pick up times.
- There will be a member of staff to meet and greet the children on the playgrounds, but this is unlikely to be your child's class teacher in KS1/2. Email the school office if you have a message regarding school administration. Alternatively, if it is directly related to teaching/learning then you can use ClassDojo. If you are unsure then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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School Calendar – Diary Dates

Dates for the Autumn Term 2021-22 will be on the school website shortly. This will be updated as the term gets underway and further guidance is given on indoor events. Use this link [school calendar](#) to view the school calendar as the term goes on.

Returning to School after Travelling Abroad

If you have recently travelled abroad during the summer holidays or have returned to the UK during the summer holidays, please ensure you follow the Government guidelines regarding entering and returning to the UK as to whether or not there is a need to self-isolate. Please know that we will be asking the children if they have been on holiday abroad and will report any family who are breaking the rules of self-isolation. We must all abide by the rules for this to work!

[This page tells you about the COVID-19 rules for travel to England.](#) It lists countries and territories as red, amber or green and explains the different rules for each list.

If your child will not be back at school on the date we are expecting them in September, due to the need to self-isolate, please complete the [Absence Daily Reporting Form](#) on our school website.

And Finally....

As previously mentioned, for all children, but in particular those who are anxious about returning to school, the emphasis will be on establishing routines, transition activities and most importantly, helping support their mental health and wellbeing. We will be trying to make this year as normal as we can.

We know that the last 18 months or so have provided different challenges for different families. If you feel that we need to know something particular about your child or a change in family circumstances we should be aware of that will enable us to support your child better, then please let us know as soon as possible, so that we are aware of any particular concerns or changes. If your child is experiencing worries about coming back to school and being with their new teacher this is normal, please talk to your child and get them to open up about their worries.

If you feel that due to a change in personal circumstances that your family is now entitled to free school meals then please follow this link for further information <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>.

I hope all of these arrangements make sense. They will be constantly under review to ensure the health and safety of everyone. Stay safe and well. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Yours faithfully,

Adrian Nash

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