



Dear Parents / Carers, Governors and Friends,

We are delighted to have all of the children back in school and we thank you for your support to help make this happen so smoothly. We are particularly pleased to welcome our new Reception and Nursery children and our new children in Shark Class. It was also lovely to be able to meet our new parents, albeit in small groups, while the children were at their Stay and Play sessions on Monday.

We are incredibly proud of all of the children. They have settled back into the routine of school even though it is not quite the same and are all trying really hard to follow the new procedures.

I realise that things are different for you as parents too, and that there may still be some anxiety around how things are working in school. Mrs Burgess, Mrs Ingrey and myself will continue to be on the gates each morning and afternoon so do please speak to us if you have any questions or concerns or just want to pass on any messages to the teaching staff. We will try to keep you up to date with any changes, either by letter or by putting the information on our website. Below is a link to some pamphlets and information that you might find helpful. Our detailed risk assessment is also available to read on the website.

[Letters – Raglan Primary School](#)

One parent expressed concern that we are allowing external professionals on site to work with the children. We do understand your concern about this; however, it is also important that the children have a broad and balanced education, which will involve things like road safety talks. It is also important that we are able to access assessments and external support if needed. We have carried out a detailed risk assessment regarding external visitors and are restricting the number of visitors to one person a day.

Thank you to the Reception and KS1 parents for following a slightly different routine this morning. The overwhelming feedback from parents was that this worked well, so we will continue with this system going forward. Please note that we have made some adjustments to the timings next week to try to reduce the length of time some parents are waiting. On the next page are the new timings. If you have twins or more than one child you may find a safe space to stand on the playground and wait for your next time slot.





School Day – Start and End Times

EYFS and Key Stage 1 – Jaffray Road

Enter through the car park gate and exit via the gate on the KS2 playground.

Class	Start time	End time	Door
Lions	8.40	3.00	Reception Door
Monkeys	8.45	3.05	Reception Door
Rhinos	8.40	3.00	Link Corridor Door
Giraffes	8.45	3.05	Link Corridor Door
Puffins and Penguins	8.50	3.10	Link Corridor Door

Key Stage 2 – Raglan Road

Enter through Raglan Road gate and walk through the KS2 playground to exit via Jaffray Road.

Class	Start time	End time	Door
Tigers	8.40	3.00	Year 3/4 Door
Pandas	8.45	3.05	Year 3/4 Door
Elephants	8.40	3.00	Year 5/6 Door
Leopards	8.45	3.05	Year 5/6 Door
Wolves	8.50	3.10	Year 3/4 Door
Dolphins	8.55	3.15	Year 3/4 Door
Panthers	8.50	3.10	Year 5/6 Door
Golden Eagles	8.55	3.15	Year 5/6 Door

Language Provision – Main Entrance

Class	Start time	End time	Door
Sharks	8.50	3.10	Main Entrance
Frogs	8.50	3.10	Main Entrance

To avoid congestion on the playground and maintain social distancing, it is really important that you arrive at school at the correct time for your class. Please do not arrive early as this will increase the number of people on the playground. Please also make sure that if you are waiting on the playground that your child waits with you – unfortunately the children are not able to run around or play on equipment at this time. Please also exit the playground quickly to avoid congestion at the gates.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold our usual 'Meet the Teacher' session, which I know you have found very informative and helpful in previous years. Instead the teachers are putting together short videos, which will include useful information about each year group. These will be posted on the website and you will receive notification when they are available.

Class curriculum letters will be sent out next week, giving you further details about the curriculum for your child this year.



Next week, Reception children will be staying for lunch. They will be having lunch in the dining hall as there is not enough seating in their classrooms. The children were shown the dining hall today and are very excited. Please collect children at 1.30pm from the playground. Below are some photos of their first week at Raglan.



Over the summer we had all of the doors, door frames, internal windows and partitions changed throughout the school to comply with updated fire regulations. There were teams of builders on site and they were still working right up to the Saturday evening before the start of term. There is still work to do upstairs and they will be returning at half term to complete this but the ground floor is finished and looks very smart.

You may have noticed that the train in KS1 playground has disappeared. Unfortunately it was no longer safe and beyond repair. The FOR are funding a new piece of equipment which will be chosen by the children.

The children have all worked so hard on their Summer Home Learning projects; thank you for supporting them with this. Below are just a few examples and more pictures are available on the website and on Twitter.



Last year, we worked with the children to review our Behaviour and Relationships Policy. In response to their comments we have tried to simplify the policy so that it is easy to understand by all stake holders. We had already introduced 'Legendary Lining Up ' and 'Wonderful Walking' which the children are now very familiar with - and they do walk very sensibly and quietly around the school.

This week, we introduced the children to: At Raglan we are 'Kind, Ready, Safe'. All staff now refer to this when discussing behaviour with a child and remind them that this is how we behave at Raglan. We will continue to reinforce this with the children.

Next week, Breakfast Club and Safari Club are restarting. For the time being KS1 children will be in the Studio and Key Stage 2 children in the Middle Hall. Some extra-curricular clubs are also restarting and details of these are available on the website. Please apply directly to the club. All club leaders will be on site from 3pm to collect the children. Please be mindful of how many clubs your child is attending in line with government guidance.

We are currently reviewing our curriculum to ensure that it is inclusive, representative and relevant for our children. As part of this process we have reviewed the books we have available for the children to choose from and are committed to improving the range and diversity of books available in the class rooms. I would like to thank the parents of our Yr 6 children who have just left, for the selection of books they have donated to the school. The books have positive role models that inspire and empower and feature Black characters at the forefront. We have also ordered a range of books which represent the diversity within our school community for all of the other year groups.

Our Harvest celebration is due to take place on Monday 28th September. Although we are unable to get together as a school to celebrate, we would still like the children to bring in donations that we can send to a local food bank. A separate letter will be sent out about this next week.

Sadly Miss Abbi Larson, our speech therapist is leaving to take up a job with the NHS. We are sad to see her go but delighted to welcome Mrs Lisa Wright and Miss Megan Mcguire. Miss Larson will be spending the next two weeks 'handing over' to Mrs Wright and Mrs Mcguire and we look forward to working with them.

Finally I would just like to say a very big thank you to all of the staff who have worked so hard to make the first week back so successful for the children and to all of the parents for their continued support during these challenging times.

Have a good weekend

Kath Margetts and All the Staff

Important Dates

Friday 19th September – Flu Immunisations forms must be returned to the school as they are being collected by the school nurse.

Monday 28th September – Harvest Festival for Hope Foundation, details to follow

Clubs at Raglan

Please see the school website for an overview of the outside club providers. All of the club booking forms and information are also located on the website.

Parents book their sessions directly with the club organiser.

Overview

This week the overall attendance is 98%. Only one class had 100% attendance this week. Well done, Panthers! Well done everyone, keep it up!



Please make sure that your child is only absent for authorised reasons. Please try to make appointments for Doctors and Dentist before or after school.

Gold: Excellent. These classes are meeting our target of 96.5% attendance.

Green: These classes are doing very well with average attendance.

Amber: These classes are below average attendance at 92-95%.

Red: Attendance in this class is below 92% and of concern.

Attendance for each class this week:

Group	% Attend	L
Panther	100	1
Elephants	99	0
Dolphins	99	1
Sharks	99	1
Frogs	99	2
Tigers	99	3
Penguins	99	4
Lions	98	0
Puffins	98	0
Leopards	98	1
Giraffes	98	2
Pandas	98	5
Golden Eagles	98	5
Monkeys	97	1
Rhinos	96	0
Wolves	96	2

