

Risca Primary School

Summer Term Newsletter No 7

Friday 16th July 2021

Dear Mums and Dads,



Please can I give you a quick update on the new guidelines for schools for September.

Unfortunately, as a school we still have more questions than answers, and we await further clarification which we will now act upon when we re-open for the Autumn Term.

School Times

I can confirm that staggered starts and finishes will now go and that all pupils will attend school during the usual opening times. This is going to be challenging and I would ask that everyone is respectful on the yard and gives everyone the space that they need to stay safe. Opening times are:-

8.50 am to 11.50 am

12.50 pm to 3.10 pm

Please note that we **start teaching** at 8.50 am and therefore to ensure that all children are ready to learn we need them to be sitting down, ready by 8.50. To support pupils to have an easy entry to school we open our doors at 8.40 am. This gives all children 10 minutes to enter school safely and take off their coats. Please can I ask that we all make a super effort in September to be on time, so that all children come through the correct doors. Mrs Wilmore, our Clerk, is always busy in the morning, and at times our office is really busy which means that Mrs Wilmore is not always at her desk.

Face Masks

It is also my understanding that masks will still be required when entering our school site, so please do not throw away your masks just yet. I will confirm this when we return.

Other Routines

In terms of all other routines we are going to keep all of our routines the same for at least the first two weeks of term. This will give us time to have further clarification on a number of issues within the guidance before we start to alter our routines. Please be aware that we will not be running a Breakfast Club in September. Before committing to this we await further guidance, to ensure that any changes to our routines can be done safely and in line with the proposed new risk assessment.

Entering and Leaving the Building

As we are maintaining our current routines, all year groups will continue to come through the doors that are currently allocated to different year groups. All infant classes will use their external doors. Pupils will be admitted and dismissed through the same doors. When bringing your children to school in September please bring them to the following yards:

Reception: Main yard

Year 1: Main yard

Year 2: Small yard

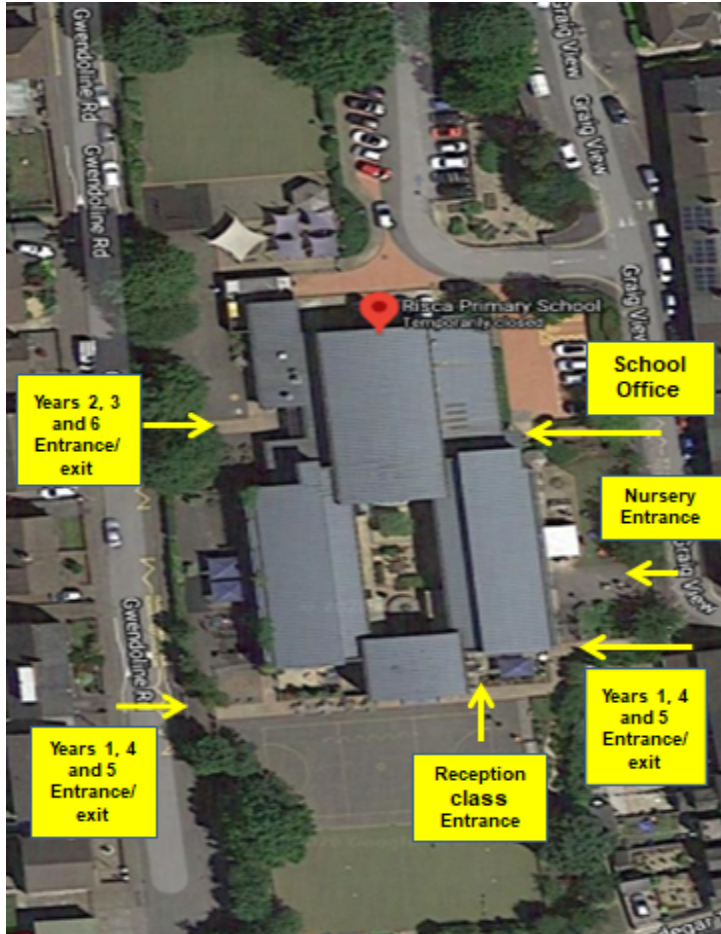
Year 3: Small yard

Year 4: Main yard

Year 5: Main yard

Year 6: Small yard

Please refer to the following diagram should you be uncertain:-



Reporting a Positive Covid Test

In the meantime, should your child become Covid positive between now and Sunday 18th July, and have a positive PCR test, please could you inform us by texting us on 07376 276918. This will allow us to notify any pupils who will need to self isolate. This number will be manned until Tuesday 20th July. You will not need to inform school if your child becomes Covid positive from Monday 19th July, as this will be outside the 48 hour isolation period.

Can I wish you a very good summer, I hope that you all have a good break. We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Many thanks
Mrs Arthur and Staff

Important Dates

Thursday September 2nd: Training Day
Friday September 3rd: School starts back for the Autumn Term

