



Rowde CofE Academy

Head Teacher's Letter 21

Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to give you details about the return to school on March 8th, as announced by the government on Monday.

- We will be starting with a full return of all year groups on Monday 8th March
- The arrival and departure times will be slightly staggered (see table, below), as they were when we returned previously. This is to allow for social distancing and to try and reduce car park congestion.
- We will continue to run the school in year-group bubbles, as previously. Children will not mix during lessons or free time with children from other bubbles.
- All the measures we have used previously in school (such as regular hand-washing, sanitising, deep-cleaning, social distancing and non-use of the main corridor), and the Risk Assessments developed alongside Acorn Education Trust, will continue.
- Face masks are compulsory on the school site, including the car park during collection and drop-off. Please also retain 2m+ social distancing. Staff will be wearing masks around the building and in communal areas.
- Breakfast Club and Rascals will continue, as they have during the current lockdown. Earliest arrival time is 7.45am and finish time 5.30pm FROM MARCH 8TH IF PRE-BOOKED.
- Attendance is a legal requirement from march 8th. If you foresee any issues with this, please contact me via the school office or by email head@rowde.wilts.sch.uk
- Homework will be sent weekly on seesaw and will be done at home, without transfer of work back into school
- Reading Books will be exchanged on a Monday and Friday to allow them to be wiped over and quarantined for the designated time.
- Lunch will be available from Lataca. Booking is the same as always. KS1 and Free School Meal families are asked to still book their meal choice online – currently only three families are doing so. This is to ensure that the children get the food they want.
- If pupils wish to bring water bottles, packed lunches or any other personal items to school they must be kept with the individual child and not touched by/shared with other pupils or staff.
- Class teachers will be in touch about PE days. On these days, PE kit is acceptable uniform for the whole day.
- We will be returning to full school uniform
- Drop and Go will return from 8.30am.
- All of our staff will be continuing with the twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing to detect any asymptomatic cases. We will of course continue to work with the South West Public Health Team and be transparent in our communication of any positive cases at the first possible opportunity.

We Are Rowde

Symptoms of Covid-19/Positive test result

Please do not send your child into school if they are showing any of the symptoms of Covid-19 and book them a test immediately. Please inform the school of this on 01380 723991 and if the test result is positive please let me know by emailing head@rowde.wilts.sch.uk

As always, do please ring me via the school office or email me on head@rowde.wilts.sch.uk if you have any questions about the return to school.

Bubble:	R	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Birch	Willow	Ash	Poplar	Maple	Cedar	Oak
Morning arrival:	8.40	8.40	8.50	8.40	8.50	8.30	8.35
Collection time:	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30

NB: for siblings across key stages, collection time is 3.15pm.

Whilst waiting outside the main gate, it would be appreciated if pupils could gather and line up in their class bubble. Staff will be on hand to supervise this.

Loan Laptops – these will be due for return to the school in the week beginning 8th March.



Get your trainers or your walking boots ready!

Throughout March, as part of worship and PSHE themes, we will be 'walking all over Cancer'. Sadly, there won't be many families who have not been affected in some way by this awful disease. What better way to act on our Lent reflections than to get out into the fresh air and raise money for this great charity? All we want you to do is set yourself a daily step target and walk every day. Ask your family and friends to sponsor you and school will collect the sponsor money at the end of term and make the donation centrally. So, dust off your trainers; walk the dog, walk with a friend, walk with your family. Use a Fitbit or other tracking app on your watch or phone to keep track of your steps. Can you walk 10,000 steps every day this month? Think that's too much? Not enough? Set yourself a target and get collecting sponsors! A sponsor form will be distributed via SeeSaw and we will include hints, tips and encouragement each week. Come on Rowde - we can do this!

Mrs Rollinson

Have a lovely and relaxing weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Edy-Berry'.

Jon Edy-Berry

Head Teacher