Riverhead Infants' School

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Ready for the New Term – September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all enjoyed a happy and restful summer break. With the start of the new school year now approaching, I wanted to share a few important reminders to help everyone arrive ready for the new term and ensure that our first few days run as smoothly as possible.

Children in Years 1 and 2 return to school on Thursday 3 September.

Arriving at school and attendance

As many of you will have seen, our new perimeter fencing has been installed over the summer. This is an important addition to the security of our site and means that, once children have arrived in the morning, all gates will need to be locked promptly.

Please therefore ensure that your child is on the school site and ready to enter school before 8:55am.

Children arriving after the register has closed are recorded as late and, depending upon the time of arrival, their morning session may need to be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Arriving late also places additional pressure on the School Office at what is already the busiest point of the day, so we would be grateful for everyone's support in arriving punctually.

Updated national guidance published over the summer has further reinforced the importance of good school attendance. It is therefore critically important that children attend school every day where they are physically well enough to do so. If there are circumstances affecting your child's attendance, please continue to speak to us so that we can work with you where support may be needed.

Uniform and equipment

Full uniform expectations can be found on the school website, but there are a few points we would particularly like to reinforce for the start of the year:

- Children should wear **black school shoes, not trainers.**
- Jewellery should not be worn, including bracelets, chains and friendship bands. Where an item of jewellery is worn for religious reasons, parents/carers should seek permission from the school in writing.
- All clothing and belongings should be clearly named. This makes an enormous difference when we are trying to reunite children with misplaced items.
- Children should bring a coat every day for the foreseeable future. The weather can change considerably during the school day and children will continue to spend plenty of time outside.

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- Wet-weather clothing and wellington boots should be brought into school from the first day so that children are ready to access outdoor play and learning whatever the weather.
- Children should not wear smart watches or bring similar devices into school. If brought into school, these will be removed for safekeeping and returned to a parent/carer.
- For safeguarding and data-protection reasons, please do not place GPS tracking devices or AirTags in children's bags or clothing. If discovered, these will similarly be removed and returned to parents/carers.
- Every child should bring a suitably sized, named water bottle containing water only. Please do not send squash, juice or other drinks.
- Large school rucksacks are not required. Children ordinarily need only their bookbag, unless they are attending an after-school activity which requires additional clothing or equipment.
- If your child has a bag charm to help them recognise their bookbag, please limit this to one sensibly sized charm.
- Cuddly toys and other objects from home should not be brought into school unless they form part of a specific, agreed class activity.

Class teachers will always be expected to follow up with parents/carers where there are concerns about uniform. If a member of staff approaches you about this, please respond to them with the same courtesy and respect that we expect in all communication across our school community.

Before and after school

Please remember that children should not use the school's play equipment before or after the school day, including the Trim Trail. This applies even where parents/carers are present and supervising.

At the other end of the day, it is equally important that children are collected promptly. The school does not have the staffing or capacity to provide informal childcare beyond 3:15pm.

We appreciate that genuine emergencies occasionally happen. If you know that you are unexpectedly going to be late collecting your child, you must contact the School Office before 3:15pm so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Medication

Finally, please remember that all prescribed emergency medication required by your child must be brought to the School Office ready for the first day of term.

For families who would prefer to bring this in before children return, staff will be available in school next week at the following times:

Tuesday: 1:00pm–3:30pm
Wednesday: 9:00am–3:30pm

Please ensure that medication is in date, clearly labelled and supplied in accordance with the school's usual medical procedures.

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There is always plenty to remember at the beginning of a new school year, and we are very grateful for your help in making sure children arrive properly equipped, on time and ready for the day ahead.

Most importantly, we are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school and to the start of another happy and successful year at Riverhead.

With kind regards,

Mr King
Headteacher

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IQM Centre of Excellence Award
National Nurturing School Award 2024
MHFA Champion
Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England
Kent County Council
Opal Platinum Award