



**Richmond Hill Primary Academy
Voluntary Academy**

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Dear Parents/Carers

Update Letter to Parents – 11th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carers

I'd like to begin with thanking you not only for your support last week but also for your flexibility in coping with what was an extremely challenging week for all. I know that any change can be difficult to cope with at the best of times, but the added mixed messages and short timings of last week's announcements and events **could** have resulted in chaos. What we actually bore witness to was how swiftly we collectively managed to move our learning and curriculum both remotely and in school (for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers) in order for us to support the learning of all. Despite minimal teething problems I think what we have managed to achieve in the time frame is nothing short of remarkable. From the myriad of kind messages that have lifted staff spirits, I would like to say a huge thank you. As Principal I am immensely proud of the team we have.

Early indications show that the attendance and engagement with learning remotely and in school is at over 400 pupils. We have 416 pupils on roll. Our in school provision is providing care for 165 pupils plus nursery (which remains open under the guidance, not closed like the rest of the school). We have approximately 45% of pupils in school and 55% at home accessing remote learning. Device issues have been addressed for all families we are aware of – if you feel this is a barrier to your child's remote learning access please contact office@richmond.doncaster.sch.uk

Remote curriculum offer – Learning from home – Synced and Asynced
Our remote learning offer contains both Synced (Live teaching) & Asynced (Powerpoints to access any time) we have taken this approach to aid all our families, so please do not worry if home arrangements mean your child may miss a Synced (live) session, the learning is there on the VLE with powerpoint support (Asynced) – and remains there for the week. We have considered there may be screen fatigue issues, therefore we are following best practice in teacher input followed by independent learning and following up with feedback from the children to the teacher. We are proud of the rich and varied curriculum we offer at Richmond and we're trying to replicate this as well as possible remotely. Our learning offer provides 4 hours per day of learning for our pupils.

We would like your help with capturing an evaluation of both our remote learning and in school provision and the time taken to achieve this. We have developed our Microsoft forms so this shouldn't take long to complete but will help us capture where we are currently and any future improvements. This will be sent to you in a separate email.

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The Rose Learning Trust.



TRANSFORMING FUTURES COLLABORATIVELY

Contact

Please use the following email addresses to ensure your communication is dealt with appropriately:-

- Your child's class email address to communicate with teachers (including on-line learning/zoom links etc)
- If you need to communicate more generally our office@richmond.doncaster.sch.uk email is staffed 9.00am-3.00pm Monday to Friday.
- Safeguarding concerns should contact via our Safeguarding designated phone number (07591203296) Monday to Friday 9.00-3.00pm or direct to Doncaster Safeguarding Children Trust (01302 73777) at any other time.

Positive Covid Cases and Isolation Procedure for In School Pupils

Please use the Covid@richmond.doncaster.sch.uk email to notify us of any positive cases/isolation.

Critical worker places: If your child has a critical worker place and you are instructed to isolate then as per the new guidance '**parents/carers of critical workers should keep their children at home if they can**'. After isolation your child may return.

Yours sincerely



Mrs D Secker
Principal