



26<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

**Principal's Update – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

We're having a fantastic week of all things sports. The children are thoroughly enjoying their experiences and we'd like to thank all the external providers we have had delivering the activities this week. It was fantastic to start the week with Beth Dobbin British 200m champion joining us for our Zoom assembly. The children had some fantastic questions and it was great to see Beth engage with each class. A big thank you to our PE middle leader Mrs Scanlon who has put together a superb programme of events and experiences. Photos and videos of the week will be posted on the year group areas on the school's website after Friday.

**Half Term Holiday:** School closes at 3.00pm this Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and re-opens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**Leak update:** During the half term break the modular classrooms will be delivered onto the KS2 yard. We expect that during the first few weeks back, classes in KS2 will move out into the temporary classrooms starting with Y6. This also will allow us to return the walkway in the KS2 playground back to the original route. Work will commence in school once all classes are in their new classrooms.

**Class Photographs:** The School Photographer will be in school on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June to take class photos.

**Reports to parents:** Your child's end of year report will be with you on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. There will be an opportunity for optional parents' telephone consultation appointments on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June for any parent who may wish to discuss aspects of their child's report. An online booking system will be in operation for these – details of when this is live to book an appointment will be communicated after half term.

**Teacher Assessment weeks in school:** Teacher Assessments will be taking place in school between Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

**MP Visit to School – Emma Hardy:** On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July, Emma Hardy MP will be visiting Richmond Hill to look at the work the school has undertaken with 'Let's Think in English'. Emma is part of the parliamentary review into oracy development and has been signposted to Richmond Hill to see the oracy development throughout our 'Let's Think in English' lessons.

**Transition Week:** This will take place from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of July for the whole week when pupils in current Nursery (with a confirmed place in Reception from September) up to Year 5 will spend the week with their new class teacher. Nursery early admissions will attend nursery as normal. A more detailed letter will be sent out to you as this will not be able to operate in our usual format due to covid constraints.

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Pupils will remain in new class bubbles for the week, there will be no switching back to their usual class teacher. Entry and exits will therefore change for that week. Year group Zoom 'Meet the teacher' sessions will be arranged during this week which will be at staggered times to accommodate parents with children in different year groups.

Year 6 Transition to secondary school - parents should receive information directly from the school where their child has a confirmed place for September 2021. Any Y6 pupils who are not visiting their new schools during our transition week w/c 5<sup>th</sup> July will be working in the hall with Mr Armstrong and Mrs Wilkinson.

Class Allocations for September 2021 - It is the Academy's policy that the allocation of pupils to classes for September is organised by the existing teacher, based on numbers, gender, academic and social groups. Due to the current restrictions, children will be informed of their new classes the week before transition.

**Catch Up Boosters:** The before/after school catch up booster sessions for selected children in Y1 to Y6 will finish w/e 2<sup>nd</sup> July prior to transition week.

**Y6 Leavers' Party afternoon:** On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July we propose to mark our Y6 pupils' end of primary with afternoon tea and an outside disco. They have had many events cancelled this year, but we are hoping that this can go ahead. If for some reason there is a problem or issue we will look to hold this on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> or Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup>. We also hope to allow parents onto the KS2 yard for a musical performance and photo opportunity.

**Staffing:** We are pleased to be welcoming Mr Burke to Richmond Hill in the role of full time Sports Instructor from the 21<sup>st</sup> of June. Mr Burke joins us from XP East where he has developed skills in sports instruction, mentoring, SEND sensory circuit provision and classroom teaching of sports science. Mr Burke also has had experience at Richmond Hill alongside Mrs Nixon, of the primary curriculum delivery and primary sports competitions. We look forward to the enhancement of this curriculum area through his appointment. Ms Greenhalgh will be leaving us soon in her role as Mid-Day Supervisor, thank you for all your help and support. We will shortly be welcoming Mrs Walleth to our school as a Mid-Day Supervisor.

**Contact with school over the half term period, Reporting Covid-19 test results and safeguarding concerns:** Richmond Hill Primary Academy will close to all pupils at the end of the day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and will reopen to all pupils and staff on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

If your child has a confirmed positive test for Covid-19 after we have closed up to and including Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June please email [covid@richmond.doncaster.sch.uk](mailto:covid@richmond.doncaster.sch.uk) Senior Leadership will then contact you to establish close contacts and respond accordingly. From Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021, Test and Trace will contact school direct if they think it is necessary, so there will be no need for you to contact us. Details of how test and trace work can be found at the NHS Test and Trace Website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/>

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child or family, then please contact Doncaster Children's Services Trust on 01302 737777 during the half term period.

All other school email addresses will be closed to all correspondence from the end of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May until Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Yours sincerely



Debbie Secker  
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