



24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Principal's Update – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

We have had a fantastic first few weeks back at Richmond Hill. The overwhelming majority of children have settled so well and it has been lovely to see merit cards filling up and our children so proud of what they are achieving.

Although we have faced a strange start to the school year our children continue to thrive. This is only achieved by working together to ensure our children are safe, happy and continue to learn.

At Richmond Hill we have always maintained precautionary measures beyond the basic government guidance as our priority remains that our children attend school and disruption is kept to a minimum. Our staff team are working hard to ensure we keep everyone as safe as possible – as are you as parents, so thank you for your continued support and understanding.

#### **Isolation:**

If your child is required to isolate, but they are well, please contact your child's class teacher via the class email address for learning to be provided. We are operating a bespoke approach based on your family's needs, therefore there are the following options available: Access the VLE; have learning emailed directly; have paper copies printed for collection or drop off; or access learning in the classroom via Zoom. We have chrome books available for loan for the 10 day isolation period as we are aware families may need their home devices if working from home.

#### **Ambassadors:**

We have been thrilled with the amount of pupils from Year 2–Year 6 applying to become a school ambassador. This week candidates have pitched their qualities and ideas to their peers. We have to say we have been blown away by each and every one! Votes have been cast, we look forward to the results. To recognise the hard work of all pupils who submitted an application, we will be inviting them to join together for a small treat.

#### **Harvest Festival:**

The children are working hard learning their Harvest song and Harvest poem. These will be recorded and uploaded to the school website on their class pages on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Important:- if you have not already done so, please check your Arbor Parent Portal to access your child's Arbor Pupil Profile where you will be able to approve/decline your child's annual consents (including for photographs/videos). All children will join in our harvest songs/poems, but only those children with authorised parental consent will be photographed/filmed.

#### **#HelloYellow 2021:**

Richmond Hill is once again supporting Young Minds HelloYellow day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform and wear something yellow (t-shirt or socks or even a hat for example) and make a donation to this fantastic charity for World Mental Health Day.

**SEND Reviews:**

SEND Reviews for pupils on the register will take place week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> October. This will be an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to set targets for the next 12 weeks. These will be held at school face to face or online via Zoom, whichever is preferred. Parents will be contacted individually by class teachers to arrange appointments.

**Parents' Evening:**

Parents' Evening will take place in the first week after half term

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November for Year 1

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November for all other year groups (Nursery, Reception, Y2-Y6)

Appointments will be taking place in school face to face. However, if your preference is a telephone consultation, then these will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

The appointment booking system will open week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> October, further information will follow.

**Term Dates:**

The term dates for 2021/2022 were sent out to parents in the summer term. A copy is available on the school website under Parents' Information.

October Half Term

School closes at 3.05pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

School Re-opens on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

Yours sincerely



Debbie Secker  
Principal

**Reminder - school emails**

**Class Emails:** Year group emails are a great way of communicating with class teachers and replace the communication in diaries. Emails are checked once daily at the end of the school day. If you have any queries about daily routine or what your child is learning, then please do not hesitate to get in touch. However, if there is anything urgent please contact the main school office who will be able to act more swiftly.

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Year 1	<a href="mailto:year1@richmond.doncaster.sch.uk">year1@richmond.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
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**Office: to contact the main school office**

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**Absences: reporting pupil absences and medical appointments**

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