



4th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE – 4th July 2025

It's hard to believe we are fast approaching the last few weeks of the summer term! We're now looking towards our transition visits next week where pupils will spend time with their new class teachers and our Y6 pupils will be visiting their new secondary schools.

Pupils' End of Year Reports:

Your child's end of year report, prepared by their class teacher, will be distributed at the end of next week Friday 11th July. Reports will be placed in an envelope and sent home with your child. If your child has taken any statutory assessments this year, and the results are available, these will be included with the report. If results are not yet available, these will be sent out separately. Any follow up discussions you may wish to make with class teachers can be arranged via year group email addresses for after school on Tuesday 15th July. A reminder you can view your child's attendance on their personal profile dashboard accessible via the Arbor Parent Portal.

Transition Arrangements – Wednesday 9th July, Thursday 10th July & Friday 11th July:

Transition will see the whole school (children new to Reception up to new Y6) spend some time with their new class teachers for September. All children will find out who their new class teacher is on Wednesday 9th July.

On the transition days all pupils should bring a water bottle and packed lunch (if applicable). Pupils in new Y1 to new Y6 should also wear their trainers to school Wednesday to Friday so that they can participate in any outside activities/PE lessons which may take place during this time (full PE kits not required). No other bags are necessary.

Children new to Nursery have been invited to join us for one full day in two separate groups on either Wednesday or Thursday. Children new to Reception who have by-passed our Nursery will join us on Wednesday.

Pupils who are leaving Richmond Hill at the end of the summer term should attend as normal and go to their current class at their normal start/finish times – this includes our Y6 children on the days when they are not involved in their transition visits to their new secondary schools.

- **For children in current Reception up to current Year 5**

Your child should arrive each morning at their usual time, via their usual gate entrance and go to their normal class for registration. After registration on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**, pupils will move to their new classes for the day. At the end of each day the children will move back to their current classroom and will exit via their usual classroom/gate at their normal time.

With the exception of children new to Reception (current Nursery) who will exit via the Foundation (Reception classroom) door instead of the Nursery door on Wednesday and Thursday only. Friday's exit will be as normal via Nursery classroom door.



- **Current Year 6 pupils**

Y6 pupils who have a confirmed place at Ridgewood, will be spending Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at their new secondary school. Other Y6 pupils with confirmed places at other Doncaster secondary schools will also be spending some time at their new schools.

Year 6 pupils should attend Richmond Hill as normal when they are not participating in any secondary school transition visits. On the days Y6 pupils are at Richmond Hill they should bring a water bottle and packed lunch (if applicable) and also wear their trainers to school so that they can participate in any outside activities/PE lessons (full PE kits not required and trainers will not be getting muddy). No other bags are necessary.

If your child is ill and cannot attend their planned secondary school transition visits, please inform both their new secondary school and also email Richmond Hill to ensure their attendance mark is recorded correctly (absence@richmond.doncaster.sch.uk). Please contact your child's secondary school for any queries about their particular transition arrangements.

- **For children in current Nursery with a confirmed place in Reception**

30 hours Nursery Children

Monday 7th July	normal day in Nursery
Tuesday 8th July	normal day in Nursery
Wednesday 9th July	full day in Reception
Thursday 10th July	full day in Reception
Friday 11th July	full day in Reception

15 hours Beginning of Week Nursery Children

Parents will need to book extra lunches on Parentpay for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or provide a packed lunch

Monday 7th July	normal day in Nursery
Tuesday 8th July	normal day in Nursery
Wednesday 9th July	full day in Reception
Thursday 10th July	full day in Reception
Friday 11th July	full day in Reception

15 hours End of Week Nursery Children

Parents will need to book an extra lunch on Parentpay for Wednesday or provide a packed lunch

Wednesday 9th July	full day in Reception
Thursday 10th July	full day in Reception
Friday 11th July	full day in Reception

- **Children moving from Y2 to Y3 from September**

A healthy snack can be brought from home for morning break times by children in Key Stage 2 only – **this should only be a piece of fruit or a cereal bar – and should not contain any nuts/nut products**. Free fruit from Doncaster Council is only available for KS1 and Foundation children.

Please note on your child's transition days in new Y3 Wednesday 9th-Friday 11th your child can bring a healthy snack with them to school to enjoy at morning break time.

- **Children moving from Y4 to Y5 from September**

From 1st September parental consents will be available on your Arbor Parent Portal for parents to confirm if you give permission for your new Y5 child to walk home alone and if you wish them to bring a mobile phone to school for safe storage in the office during the school day.



New Year 5 Pupils - Swimming Sessions September-December 2025:

Details about swimming sessions starting in September for pupils new to Y5 will be emailed to parents before the end of term.

Richmond Hill Choir 2025/2026:

Parents of current choir members in Y3-Y5 will be contacted shortly to ask if your child would like to continue with their membership of the choir for the next academic year 2025/2026 with a commitment to participate in choir competitions and performances, which may take place during evenings/weekends.

Mr & Mrs Mellors our choir leads, are currently finalising auditions for new choir members with pupils in new Y3 to new Y6. Parents will then be contacted (either before the end of term or early September) if your child is going to be offered a place in the Richmond Hill Choir. Choir sessions take place every Monday afternoon 1.00-2.00pm in school time from September 2025-July 2026 and does not incur any cost to parents.

After Schools Clubs Autumn Term - September 2025:

Details will be sent out before the end of term about the after school clubs on offer from September for the autumn term. Parents/carers can then complete and submit an application form before the end of term. We're planning to send out confirmation by email of any allocated places, or if pupils are on a waiting list if clubs are over-subscribed, before the end of term or during the first part of the summer holidays.

Musical Instrument Lessons for 2025/2026 with the Doncaster Music Service:

Those parents who have confirmed lessons from September (guitar/clarinet) will be contacted shortly about instrument loans (if required) from the Doncaster Music Service. Unfortunately it is not possible to accept any new applications if you have not previously applied for lessons for your child. (Details previously sent out to parents in April).

Lost Property and Uniform Bank:

We have a mountain of unnamed unclaimed lost property in the classrooms and, despite our best efforts to reunite items with their owners a lot of it is still unclaimed.

KS2 Lost Property – parents are invited to come to the main school entrance on Monday 14th July from 3.15-4.30pm to look through items displayed near the KS2 classrooms.

Foundation/KS1 Lost Property will be displayed outside their classroom doors on a regular basis during the week.

Any items not claimed by the end of term will be sent to St. Peter's Uniform Bank in Bentley.

Uniform Recycling Drive for Richmond Hill: If you would like to donate any unwanted uniform to St Peter's Uniform Bank, items will be collected from school on **Thursday 17th July**. If you have any donations please bring them in a bag to the main school office between 8.00am and 9.30am - on the 17th. Unfortunately, due to lack of storage we cannot take items outside of this date/time.

Careers Afternoons:

As part of our pupils' personal development to inspire and provide an understanding about potential career paths, we've been organising some careers afternoons. These sessions have been taking place this week in school and will continue over the next couple of weeks. Thank you to all those parents who've volunteered to come into school to showcase a vast array of their jobs which will allow our children to dream big.

End of Term:

It's that time of year when we ask you to send your child with a named bag for life on Monday 14th July (or 16th July for 15 hours end of week nursery children) so they can use it to bring all their work home that they've produced throughout the year. Some children's work may be kept for the first term in September and released back to them at Christmas for standards purposes.

Friday 18th July: UNIFORM TO BE WORN TODAY**Games Afternoon:**

Children in **KS1/KS2** are allowed to bring a toy or a game to school, one which doesn't make too much noise and doesn't have too many small pieces. Please make sure items are clearly marked with your child's name on. It is advisable not to allow them to bring expensive or irreplaceable items, as the **school cannot be held responsible for breakages and losses.**

Children in **Nursery and Reception** do not need to bring their own toys, as games and activities will be arranged by their class teachers.

KS2 children can bring electronic devices/games consoles **but only if accompanied by permission from parents written in your child's diary/or a signed note to be given to the class teacher.**

However, recharging of electronic devices/consoles is not allowed on school premises.

Please note:- electronic devices/games consoles must **not** be used to record videos, take photos, access chat rooms/social networking sites or send messages.

Y6 only – Y6 pupils with permission to bring a mobile phone to school may have access to their phones in the afternoon on airplane mode to play games only.

Reminder of End/Start of Term Dates:

School closes for the summer holidays at 3.15pm on Friday 18th July 2025

Start of the new term:

Monday 1st September – Training Day 1 – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 2nd September – School re-opens to pupils (new nursery and new reception by pass pupils staggered start dates).

Parents' Diary Dates July 2025:

A reminder of the important dates for your diary taking place up to the summer holidays, can be found at the end of this update.

Yours sincerely



Debbie Secker
Principal



PARENTS' DIARY DATES – JULY 2025

Monday	7 th July	Y1 History Van Visit in-to school
Monday	7 th July	Y6 RSE Session with School Nursing Team
Tuesday	8 th July	Y5 Visit to the Great Yorkshire Show
Tuesday-Thursday	8 th July-10 th July	Ridgewood School Transition Visits for new Y7 pupils
Wednesday-Friday	9 th -11 th July	Transition – pupils from current Nursery to current Y5 will spend time in their new classes for September
Friday	11 th July	Choir at the Music for Youth National Festival in Birmingham
Tuesday	15 th July	Following issuing of end of year reports - optional parental follow up discussions
Tuesday	15 th July	Y6 Leavers' Disco 1.00pm-3.30pm
Wednesday	16 th July	Lunch-time provision 'End of Term Pizza Party' (please remember to complete your meal booking via ParentPay by 8.30am Friday 11 th July 2025)
Wednesday	16 th July	Richmond Hill's Got Talent
Thursday	17 th July	Y3 Visit to Murton Park
Friday	18 th July	Games afternoon
Friday	18 th July	School closes at 3.15pm for the summer holidays

