



**Richmond Hill Primary Academy
Voluntary Academy**

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Reminder

**October Half Term is next week w/c 26th October
School will close at 3.00pm on Thursday 22nd October
as Friday 23rd October is a Staff Training Day
School will re-open on Monday 2nd November**

Please check our website for full details of term dates for 2020/2021 (previously published to parents in July 2020)

Dear Parents/Carers

Half Term Update

What an amazing first term we have had back at Richmond Hill. The pupils, staff, parents, stakeholders and leaders of the school have been magnificent, doing everything they can to maintain a safe environment for the school and for this I want to send my heartfelt thanks and appreciation. We have had difficult conditions to adapt to, but everyone has risen to those challenges enabling us to keep teaching and learning at the forefront. We nearly made it to half term without a bubble closure, but thank you to everyone yesterday who responded so quickly. Thank you for your support.

It has been a privilege to see our children so happy to see their friends and for our youngest children to begin to make friends. We have had such a settled start with all our children and we just want to share how very proud of them we are.

Richmond has a school full of dedicated staff whose driving determination is ensuring our children are learning and progressing as well as encouraging the development of good relationships within the year group bubbles. They have worked their socks off in incredibly challenging circumstances and I really want to thank them all publicly for this.

Our recent parental consultations and SEND Reviews have gone really well via phone and zoom and communication between home and school continues to strengthen. Well done to you all for making this go as smoothly as it has.

In this Friday's training day, staff will be receiving training on our new website and how to manage their class areas, so look out for some exciting changes to the area and the further development of our remote learning should your child, in the future, need to isolate, a bubble closes or your child wants to revisit the day's learning. Our aim is to give our children the best educational experience whatever the situation.

As we can't invite you all in to school for our usual Harvest Festival Celebrations we will be making available on the school website each year group poems. Look out for this from Friday. All existing arrangements will continue for the next term – staggered entry and exits, face coverings on site, face coverings in all areas of school except the classroom year group bubbles, staggered lunches and break times. PE/daily mile arrangements, music and choir arrangements.

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After half term we will be selling poppies on behalf of our local Sprotbrough Royal British Legion. Jeff Swift who represents the British Legion usually joins us at Richmond Hill for our annual Remembrance assembly. But we're having to do things differently this year so that we can continue to support the charity. Jeff has already dropped off the poppies in school so following the recommended 72 hour period, they will be ready to send out to the year group bubbles. We will be accepting any donations (suggest 50p) from children in a sealed envelope like we did for Young Minds' donations – your child will then receive their poppy in an envelope to take home.

Like in previous years, other British Legion merchandise is available at a suggested donation cost:- Silicon Wristband £1; Reflector 50p; Snap Band £1.50 and Zip Pull 50p.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your family best wishes for the half term break, stay safe and I look forward to welcoming you all back to Richmond Hill on Monday 2nd November.

Yours sincerely



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