



Friday 16th April 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been a great first week back in school after the Easter break. What has pleased me most is being able to welcome back all our pupils including those, who were previously shielding. The Rookeries is a much better place with all its children in the building. The children have settled in well and continue to thrive.

The reopening of the bicycle and scooter storage has been a huge success. It has been pleasing to see pupils arrive on their scooters and the looks of relief on parents/carers as they are able to leave them in school. Thank you for your patience and supporting the reopening. I appreciate the previous situation was far from ideal and I am glad we can return to more usual routines. Attendance continues to improve, and I am pleased to announce this week we have achieved a whole school attendance of 98.2%. Thank you for all your efforts in helping us achieve this.

I hope you enjoy a lovely weekend and I look forward to welcoming the children on Monday morning.

Kind regards

**Richard Grogan
Headteacher**

Covid update

As Covid restrictions continue to relax we will provide you with information about future sporting events, trips and visits as soon as we possibly can. In the interim period please continue to support our school and wider community by keeping each other safe. We are still operating 'social groups' in school and our risk assessed Covid controls are still in place. If you need any further support or information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school admin@rookeries.patrust.org.uk.

Twitter

We will continue to send out whole school communications by Parentmail and in our weekly newsletter. Class teachers will also send out separate communications and messages on ClassDojo. However, for all the latest news, photographs and events in school please follow us on: twitter.com/therookeries

Food Bank donations

The 8 schools within Pontefract Academies Trust are looking to support Pontefract Food Bank.

We would be so appreciative if you can donate anything that might help those who need it. Items such as nappies, tinned fruit and veg, rice pudding and canned meats are always items that are needed by the Food Bank. Multi pack cereals are items the food bank is short off, but if there's anything extra you can add to your shopping it will definitely be gratefully received.

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why our local food bank provide three days nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in a crisis. They are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

The donated items will be collected on Thursday 29th April, so please drop anything off in plastic bags or cardboard boxes, at our school reception before this date.

School Cloud Parents Evenings (PPTMs)

Our Parents' Evenings (PPTMs) will run on two dates in May from 3:30pm - 7:00pm. These will be 'virtual' appointments, meaning you will join the meeting via video link rather than coming into school.

The dates are:

Wednesday 26th May

Thursday 27th May.

You only need to attend one appointment on whichever day / time suits you best.

Each appointment lasts for 10 minutes.

Soon, you will receive information on how to create a School Cloud log in. However, in the meantime, it is important that you make sure that, we have your up-to-date email address. This is because you will need to use this to log into the School Cloud system.

Whilst you won't be able to log in just yet, the video below will be helpful in terms of you understanding how to log in when the time comes. This video can also be accessed via this link: <https://vimeo.com/473882995>

Star of the Week Certificates



Class	Star of the Week
Resource	Abdul-Raheem M
Nursery	Parker Y
Reception	Mollie W
Class 1	Amarion P
Class 1/2	Jacob C
Class 2	Rufus H
Class 3	Charlie P
Class 3/4	Max W
Class 4	Savannah M
Class 5	Ruby R
Class 6	Annabelle C

Attendance

Class	Attendance
Nursery	98.5%
Reception	99.5%
Year 1	97.6%
Year 1/2	99.2%
Year 2	98.8%
Year 3	97%
Year 3/4	98%
Year 4	99.5%
Year 5	99%
Year 6	95.8%

Attendance this week overall – 98.2%

Attendance this year overall – 97.8%



My Child At School (MCAS)

Hopefully you will have received our messages regarding this new app which is being introduced across all schools within the Trust.

Initially we will only use this app to send out our communications. Class DoJo will continue to be used by the Class teachers but school wide communications will be sent via MCAS.

In May we will then move to MCAS for any payments required including school dinners, breakfast club and future school trips.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 29th April	Food bank collection
Friday April 30th	PE - Daily Mile (Reception, Year 1, Year 4, Year 5) others years to be confirmed
Monday May 3rd	Bank Holiday School Closed
Thursday May 6th	Election Day School Closed
Wednesday May 26th	School Cloud Parents Evening
Thursday May 27th	School Cloud Parents Evening
Friday May 28th	PE – Race Event (Reception, Year 1, Year 4, Year 5) others years to be confirmed

Lateral Flow Self -Test Kits

Lateral Flow Self-Test Kits

Lateral flow tests are now available for parents / carers to order – please see the links below to support you with this:

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

[Schools, nurseries and colleges testing: order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow home test kits - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)



Useful Contacts

Useful well-being and mental health information:

For children and young people:

WF- I-CAN

<https://wf-i-can.co.uk/>

Young Minds

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

CAMHS Single point of access

01977 735865

<https://www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/services/camhs-wakefield>

For Adults:

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/public-health/mental-health-wellbeing/mental-health-support>

Mind

<https://www.mind.org.uk/>

[Turning Point Talking Therapies](#)

01924 234860

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/public-health/mental-health-wellbeing/mental-health-support>

School Uniform Stockists

Our School Uniform stockists are both still operating and orders can be made for school wear, book bags and PE kits.

[Signature Retail, Ropergate, Pontefract](#)

Signature Retail are operating a click and collect system as well as accepting orders online through their website www.signatureretail.co.uk

If you would like to make a purchase via phone, please telephone 01977 600324. Payments can be made over the phone and items can be collected at certain times.

Better and Bright Schoolwear

Better and Bright Schoolwear are currently taking orders through their website:

www.betterandbrightschoolwear.co.uk

Alternatively, you may purchase items by calling 07486 140776 or 07837 078981

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support