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4<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope this letter finds all our families well, having had an enjoyable Christmas. All staff at RPS are well and looking forward to welcoming back the pupils on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, when school will be fully open as usual.

At the beginning of a new term, we'd like to provide all parents and carers with some important notices and reminders.

### COVID

The world, our nation and our locality are in the middle of the 'Omicron' variant surge, thus we must continue to all do our part to reduce infection spread.

- If your child is symptomatic, please notify the school and take the child for a PCR test asap. The child should not attend school until a negative test is returned.
- If you are notified that your child is a close contact, they should continue to attend school as usual unless they have been told by Test and Trace to isolate. Please ensure they take daily LFD tests before entering school.
- Please continue use a regular (twice a week) LFD testing regime at home regardless of any specific COVID case situation.
- If your child is required to isolate, current guidance for isolation is reduced to **7 days**, provided certain conditions are met. All people isolating are now required to take LFD tests on **day 6** and **day 7** of isolation. If these are both returned negative, the isolation ends after **7 days**.
- If your child is required to isolate, (assuming they are well), they should access school work every day via the remote learning links found on our school website.
- Please continue to wear masks on the school drive at drop off and pick up.
- Please continue to notify the school of any absence before 9:00am.

### Pick Up and Drop Off

- Times and locations will be the same as before Christmas.
- Drop Off – all in by **9:00am**. Gruffalo, Unicorn and Hobbit via main drive/gate. Pegasus via front drive and Pegasus fire door
- Pick Up – Gruffalo and Unicorn at **3:20pm** via main drive/gate. Hobbit at **3:30pm** via main gate/drive. Pegasus at **3:30pm** via front drive and Pegasus fire door.
- All the above apply unless your child is attending an after school club. In this case the pick up time is specified in the club letter.



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### Attendance

RPS will continue to uphold the law and have high expectations for school attendance. Please refer to the existing policy on our school website (this due for an update, but still applicable)

- Absence for illness should be considered carefully.
- Absence for term time holiday will not be authorised, and absences of this type that amount to 5 school days or more will be referred to Pupil Entitlement for a fine.
- Parents who are planning an absence for a special event are asked to consider whether this constitutes special circumstances which may be authorised eg compassionate reasons. In this case parents are asked to make an appointment with Mr Avey to discuss whether the absence can be authorised.

### Curriculum Specific Clothing

- Forest Schools will be made available to Year 1 and 2 pupils this term. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing appropriate outdoor clothing and with a change of outdoor footwear according to the following schedule.

January 6 <sup>th</sup>	January 13 <sup>th</sup>	January 20 <sup>th</sup>	January 27 <sup>th</sup>	February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	February 10 <sup>th</sup>
Y1	Y2	Y1	Y2	Y1	Y2
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	March 10 <sup>th</sup>	March 17 <sup>th</sup>	March 24 <sup>th</sup>		
Y1	Y2	Y1	Y2		

- Please can PE Kit be worn to school according to the following schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Gruffalo Unicorn	Pegasus Hobbit	Unicorn (if no Forest Sch)	Pegasus Hobbit

- If your child needs specific clothing for a club, please can this be brought to school in a bag on the day.

### General Uniform

Please can parents continue to ensure the following before your child arrives at school.

- Anyone with hair longer than shoulder length should have this tied back in a low ponytail (back of head rather than top). Hair should be secured with a plain hair band only. Decorative clips, bows and scrunchies are not acceptable.



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- Non-PE footwear should be plain black. Trainers are permitted as long as they are plain black. Any bright colours or logos will not be acceptable.
- Jumpers and sweatshirts should be school green only, and preferably with a school badge.
- Jewellery should not be worn to school in any form. Studs for recently pierced ears are acceptable, but these must be covered with micropore tape before school entry.
- Additional Warm PE kit eg tracksuit bottoms, sweatshirts etc do not have to be RPS colours or have RPS logos.

### Staffing

We welcome two new staff members to the RPS team.

**Mr Rogers** begins his role as Pegasus teacher.

**Mrs Manshaee** who begins a role as teaching assistant, predominantly in Pegasus.

Lead Safeguarding staff have been updated as follows:

Designated Safeguard lead: Mr Avey

Deputy Safeguarding lead: Mr Snook

Deputy Safeguarding lead: Mrs Caplin

Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Anscombe

We thank you sincerely for your support in all these matters, and we look forward to working closely and supportively with you as always.

Kind regards

Nick Avey, Headteacher, Rusper Primary School



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