



The Richard Clarke First School Newsletter  
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**Super start to the term!**

*It has been a lovely first, full week back in school. We have been super impressed with how the children have settled quickly into their new classes and routines and with the learning they have done this week. I have delighted in walking around school and seeing happy, enthusiastic children enjoying their lessons. Well done all and keep up the good work. A very proud, Mrs Hanson*

**CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

Following the announcement from Buckingham Palace of the death of our sovereign, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a period of National Mourning has started and will continue until the end of the State Funeral. This is a period of time for reflection in response to the death of the Sovereign. School will be open as normal during this time. The official date of the State Funeral is 19 September 2022. This day will be a bank holiday and schools will be closed on this day as a mark of respect.

School will be open again, as normal, on Tuesday 20th.

**Individual School Photos Friday 23rd September 2022**

We have arranged for Georgina Hine (professional photographer) to take individual and sibling photos of the children next week.

If you would like pre school siblings to be included in these photos, please arrive by 8.30am on Friday via your normal entrance and await your turn, (we will direct you where to wait). If weather permits the photographs will be taken outside.

**PE uniform reminder**

We are asking children to wear PE kits on their PE days as we have found this beneficial for a number of reasons. It extends the lesson by saving on changing time and eases congestion in cloakrooms. As this is now a permanent arrangement we would ask that the PE kit is in school colours and not an assortment of fashion/football team tees or hoodies. We have asked School Trends to add a logo red hoodie and black trackpants to our PE kits for the winter months and we have added a skort to the summer PE kit. If you don't want the logoed kit, plain red or black items are acceptable. Decent red, grey/black or white trainers are preferred (not brightly coloured football boots) and they support the feet better than pumps.

If you have any financial hardship or your children are in receipt of pupil premium, please ask the school office as we may be able to help with the cost of uniform.

**TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE**

**Health and wellbeing information for parent and carer**

**IMPORTANT - NUT FREE SCHOOL**

This is an important polite reminder we are a NUT FREE school. Please check all items you give your children for snack or packed lunch or things they bring in for their friends on their birthdays that they are NUT FREE. We do have children in school with nut allergies so it is really important you adhere to our policy.

**Do you need to update your child's records?**

If your children have any allergies or medical conditions that are new, or that you haven't already informed us about, it is really important that you speak to the school office or your child's class teacher so we have all the correct information to care for the children appropriately.

**What happens if you child injures themselves in school?**

- 1) If it is very minor, for example a grazed knee, we would administer appropriate first aid and record it in our accident book
- 2) If it is a minor injury that might need further monitoring, we would administer first aid, record it in our accident book and message (via class Dojo now instead of by written note) to let you know so you can monitor further at home in case it worsens
- 3) If it is a more serious injury that needs immediate attention, we will administer first aid, contact yourselves for you to come and decide on further action, record in our accident book
- 4) If it is very serious, we would obviously call for emergency help and then follow step 3.

*Please note, we will no longer be sending home notes about injuries or accidents, these messages will be via Class DoJo instead. We hope this is better as sometimes notes got lost or left in bags.*

**MEDICAL ISSUES**

If your child has been sick (i.e. vomiting & diarrhoea) it is our policy that you must keep him/her at home for at least 48 hours. A copy of our policy on medicines in school is available from the Office. If your child needs medicine of any kind during the school day, the school needs authorisation to administer it. Please report to the office to complete the authorisation and hand in the medication, children should not have medication of any kind in their bags/lunchboxes. Parents are encouraged to give medicine like antibiotics at home when possible unless needed 4 times a day etc. Children who have been appropriately treated for head lice can and should attend. If you or your child has C19 symptoms then please follow the most recent guidance.

**Menu**

Monday	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	Cheese & tomato pizza/Veggie Bolognese
Wednesday	Roast turkey/Creamy vegetable pie with roast potatoes & gravy
Thursday	Cottage pie/Mild chickpea & potato curry with rice
Friday	Fish fingers/Quorn dippers & chips

## **Safeguarding Statement**

The Richard Clarke First School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Full DBS clearance is required for all adults who work alongside children. This means that we have a Safeguarding Policy in place that all staff (that includes supply staff, volunteers and governors) must ensure they are aware of.

Sometimes we need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there is a concern about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about pupils are discussed with his/her parents first unless we believe that such a move would be contrary to a child's welfare.

As a parent, carer, relative, neighbour, member of the public or a professional who has contact with children, you may be concerned about the welfare and safety of your own child or a child you know. These concerns could be about their appearance, behaviour, development or how they are being cared for.

If you are concerned about a child you can contact:

**Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support (SCAS)**

**0300 111 8007**

8.30am – 5.00pm Monday to Thursday

8.30am- 4.30pm Friday

or

**EDS (out of hours) Tel No. 0345 604 2886**

Or email: [eds.team.manager@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:eds.team.manager@staffordshire.gov.uk)

Non-emergency – call Staffordshire Police on 101

Your points of contact within the school in relation to Safeguarding issues are:

**Designated Safeguarding lead: Mrs Kay Hanson - Headteacher**

**Deputy Safeguarding lead: Mr Daniel Hindhaugh – Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Katie Read**

**Nominated governor for Safeguarding: Mr Neil Lowther**

## **General Uniform reminder**

Please can you ensure all children's uniform is labelled with their names. It is hard for us to get lost sweaters and cardigans back to the right children without names and you would be amazed at the amount of uniform that is not named. Please ensure all children bring a coat to school. It is turning wetter and cooler and we do try to go outside wherever possible. Jewellery and hair accessories should be minimal. Nail varnish and tattoos are not school uniform.

Thank you for your cooperation.