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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to start the year off in a way that resembles something of our old 'normal'. Today I was on the playground at lunchtime, I watched our older children play with and care for the younger ones, our children were smiling and enjoying mixing with each other and offering the true Raeburn friendship and love that we have been unable to share over the past couple of years. It was a privilege to see that our children are so compassionate and thoughtful toward each other.

Staff news

This year we are welcoming two new Teaching Assistants onto our staff, Miss Moore and Mrs Kennedy they have joined us supporting children with their learning in Key Stage 1. I am sure you will all join me in congratulations as Miss Asher was married over the summer and is now returning to school as Mrs Lenton.

Class Curriculum Meetings

Soon you will receive Class Curriculum information from your child's teacher. There are also other key documents that will be sent with this letter which may help you to know what your child should be able to know and do by the end of this school year.

Covid-19 Bubble Closures and Home Learning

We have been informed that children under 18 will not be required to self isolate if they are in contact with someone who is positive with Covid-19. Test and Trace will deal with positive cases and inform people as necessary. School may be contacted to give information.

It will be vitally important that you continue to inform us if your child is off school due to Covid. As a school we will still be monitoring sickness and absence, if there are growing numbers of children/ adults who are testing positive, we are still expected to work with the LA and Public Health informing them. We may be advised to take action if there are larger numbers within school. The measures we are likely to be advised to take could involve bringing back bubbles, staggered home times, mask wearing etc, it is highly unlikely that there will be further bubble closures.

If your child is off school with Covid but is well, we will provide home learning for them. Please ensure you keep us informed of your requirements when/if your child is in this position.

If your child is unwell or displaying any Covid symptoms please do NOT send them into school.



IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Please do note the following information, which outlines important procedures to be followed:

It is vital that we are informed as soon as you know that your child will be absent from school. **Please ensure that you telephone the office before 9.30am on the day of any absence** (please leave a message on the answerphone if there is no reply). The reason that we need this information so quickly is for your child's protection - we need to know that they are safe.

Planned Absences

We actively discourage children's absence during school sessions, particularly for family holidays. We ask that wherever possible, health appointments are made outside the school day to minimise disruption to your child's education. We are only allowed to give permission for term-time absences in **exceptional** circumstances. In order for any request to be considered, it must be submitted in writing, clearly stating the reason for absence **in as much detail as possible**, including why this cannot be taken outside school hours, along with any additional written evidence attached. I must make you aware that if your child has poor attendance and you take them out of school we may issue a fine.

Please never book travel or accommodation until the absence is formally authorised.

Contact information and agreements

I am sending home our **home/school agreement** and **internet safety agreement**. Please can you spend a little time with your child discussing the statements on the home/school agreement and ensuring they understand them.

If you have any new contact details, including a mobile phone number, e-mail address, or work number, please do let our office know, so they can update your child's contact details. In an emergency we may need to contact you quickly so it is vitally important that these details are up to date. We are expected to have 2 live contact details for each child at school, please ensure this is the case. If you are unsure that we have your correct details please send an email to school with the new details and we will check that we have them accurately stored on our system.

School clothing

Our children have returned to school looking very smart in their uniforms, thank you. Please do ensure that your child continues to wear the correct school clothing at all times, including black shoes. It is particularly important that all clothing is **clearly labelled** with your child's name. Due to the demands on our school hall we often timetable PE lessons for outside. Unless the weather is unsafe, due to cold or wet, children's PE lessons will continue outside. When your child has Forest School sessions they will be asked to wear suitable clothing to school, in the same way they do now for PE.

Non - negotiables

Attached to this letter is a summary of non-negotiables for each school year group. We are sending this home so you have a clear understanding of what we will be helping your child to learn and develop during this year. This is for your information. This summary is a list of the most important learning objectives that children must learn for each year group. When you are supporting your child with their learning at home please refer to these.

Medical Forms

When children have regular medication that we administer in school (eg inhalers) you will have completed a detailed form with information regarding dosage and times. Please let us know if there are any changes to your child's medication needs and complete a new form. All teachers will have folders with this information in classrooms, feel free to ask to check this information at any time.

China- Turing Scheme

During the last academic year, the Government announced that institutions could apply to the Turing Scheme for financial grants that could support learners on unique international learning experience. I took the opportunity to apply for a large sum of funding to take our older learners on a trip to China. I was delighted, in the summer holiday, to discover that our bid was successful and we have received funding for all children who expressed an interest in the international experience. The plan is to visit our sister school in Taicang next Easter, we will keep you informed.

Raeburn Citizenship Award

This year at Raeburn Primary School we are launching our very own award. Raeburn Citizenship Award is an award that all of our learners (from F1- Y6) will partake in. We are hopeful that every child at our school will be honoured to have achieved the award by the end of the year.

The award takes 6 Character qualities that make a Raeburn citizen. A different quality is given emphasis each half term. The children each have a log book. During each half term the children will record how they have demonstrated that quality 3 times. 2 of the times will be done in school and we would like one time to be something which our children have done at home.

During the second to last week of each half term, the log books will be sent home. We would like you to help your child record how they have demonstrated the quality with you at home.

We are creating a Raeburn Citizenship Award page on our website which will give you further information and ideas.

The quality that our children are focusing on this half term is RESPECT.

Weekly Newsletter

To improve your knowledge of what your children are learning about each week (I know so many of them will tell you they did nothing in school today!) and to help you plan what they should bring in each week, our class teachers will send out a weekly newsletter each Friday. We hope this further improves communication with school and supports you with your children at home.

Best wishes and thank you for your continued support

Ms J Bushell

Below are some initial dates from our school calendar. I am aware that there will be more activities, visitors and visits planned as the year progresses and things open up further. Please keep an eye on the website for our diary page, also our weekly newsletters will help you with these plans. Please note that we have parent/ teacher meetings planned for late September. At this stage I am hoping to make these face to face, but they may take a different format than previous face to face meetings as I plan the logistics and consider all the safety aspects.

Dates:

September	1	INSET day 1
	2	INSET day 2
	3	Children return
	6	F2 children begin during the week F1 children begin during the week
	8	Full Governors Business Meeting F2F
	13	Year 5/6 Parents/ Carers China meeting
	15	Governors Health and Safety Committee V Governors T and L Committee V
	24	Y2 Phonics Parents Meeting - 2:30pm
	28	Parent Teacher Meetings
	30	Parent Teacher Meetings
October	8	Hello Yellow Day
	11	FS2 September 2022 admissions meeting
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	13	FS2 September 2022 admissions meeting
	20	Flu Vaccinations
	21	Close for half term
November	1	INSET day
	2	Children return Individual and sibling photographs
	4	Year 5 Play Maker Training begins
	18	Open Classrooms 15.15-15.45
	29	Year 6 Stockport Air Raid Shelter trip
December	8	F1 & F2 Christmas play
	9	F1 & F2 Christmas play
	10	Whole School Panto visit
	13	KS1 Christmas play (2 performances)
	14	KS2 Christmas service at St. Barnabas
	15	Full Governors Meeting
	17	Break Up for Christmas

To follow this letter:

Non-negotiables (for your information)

Code of conduct (for your information)

Home school agreement (to sign and return)

Internet safety agreement (to sign and return)

Behaviour policy (for your information)