



PARENT/CARER UPDATE **AUGUST 14TH 2020**

Dear pupils, parents/carers and friends of Ratray

It was lovely to see our children back today fully and I speak for all the staff when I say how much we have missed them. Following on from last week's correspondence, please find below and attached further information regarding the current school procedures and other items of new.

Attendance Patterns

From next week (17th August) all our pupils will attend school daily.

Staggered entry times, exit times, breaks and lunchtimes.

The staggered timings we have followed this week will continue until further notice. This is to alleviate congestion in the playground. We will review this on a weekly basis and inform you of any changes. Timings are detailed in the table attached.

PE lessons

The attached table indicates the days that your child will have their PE lesson. Until further notice, children can come to school without uniform and wearing suitable sportswear (no football colours) on the days indicated. Current advice is that all physical activity should be undertaken outdoors. Changing rooms will not be used.

Breakfast club

Our breakfast club will commence from 17th August from 8am daily. Please note there may be a reduced number of places available therefore it is highly recommended that places are booked in advance for the required days. Currently, places can be booked by either emailing ratray@pkc.gov.uk or by telephoning 01250 871980. We will introduce a new booking system and contact email address shortly.

Books from the last academic year

Can we please ask that all library and reading books from last academic session are brought in to school, as soon as possible, in a plastic bag.

Ratray Success

Congratulations to our Cook in Charge, Jacqui Duncan who was a worthy winner of the 2020 Tayside Excellence Awards. Jacqui was presented with an excellence award by her employers Tayside Contracts for her outstanding contribution to the company and their catering team. Well done Jacqui, we are very proud of you.

Staffing Update

There are a number of staffing changes to share with you for the coming session.

Sadly, leaving Ratray are Mrs Townsley (nursery and breakfast club) who has secured a permanent nursery post within the council, Mrs Walker (RCT teacher) who has moved to a new post within the council and Ms Harrison (nursery teacher) who has taken on a temporary secondment within the council and will return in the future.

Joining the Ratray school team are Miss McAlpine (nursery teacher), Mr Middlemiss (recovery teacher – government funded posts), Ms Arnold (RCT teacher), Mrs McGregor (nursery play assistant) and Elaine Donaldson (nursery pupil support assistant).

Other changes in our school team are Mrs Johnstone (principal teacher) whose promotion has been extended for an additional year, Miss Sorokaniuk and Miss Needs who were successfully appointed

to senior practitioner posts within the nursery and myself (Mrs Robertson) who was permanently appointed as the school headteacher.

Our school procedures will be adapted and updated in line with changes in government and council guidance. We will continue to keep you updated in our usual ways – Parentpay, school app, text messaging and our school Facebook page. Therefore, please ensure your Parentpay account, email address and your mobile phone numbers are all up-to-date.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, if you have any queries or concerns (no matter how trivial) please get in touch via our school office 01250 871980 or rattray@pkc.gov.uk .

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanna Robertson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot above the 'i' in Joanna.

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