



# The Ryde School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all well and staying safe.

## September Return to School

Following the government's guidance on schools reopening in September, which was published last week, we have been working to revise our risk assessment and to write an action plan to ensure as smooth a transition as possible for your children to return to school. As these are such important documents, we are taking our time to think things through thoroughly and hopefully get the detail as right as we can. I will be writing to you early next week with our plans, which I am hoping you will read, and understand the reasoning behind our decisions.

## Staffing

We will be sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Wolfisz, our Year 3 teacher, who has left us due to personal circumstances. We also said goodbye to Miss O'Connor, Class 2 teaching assistant, who moved house at the beginning of the lockdown. Miss Tuck left us last year to travel and since her return she has covered Mrs Hall's maternity leave. She is now to leave us again to pursue her career in a new location and with a promotion. We will miss her and wish her every success for the future.

We have made several new appointments across the school. Mr Glock, Miss Caswell, Mrs Saeed and Miss Sende have all been employed as full time teaching assistants. Miss Sainsbury is now a qualified teacher and we are very pleased to welcome her to our teaching staff this year. We have also appointed two other teachers: Mrs Hitch and Miss Foster,

I am very pleased to inform you that we are fully staffed, and have more support staff than in previous years in anticipation of the catch up that will be needed in September.

For the autumn term careful consideration has been given to the well-being of the children and where possible children will stay with the same teacher. I am very pleased to employ Mrs Hitch for Year 1 as she worked well with Reception class leading up to lockdown.



Next year the classes will be as follows:

Year N	Miss Peyrovi with Mrs Andrews and Mrs Pedley
Year R	Miss Foster with Mrs Constable and Miss Carter
Year 1	Ms Haverson and Mrs Hitch (job share) with Mrs Gordon and Mrs Saeed
Year 2	Miss Spurr with Miss Caswell and Mrs Tiplady (part time)
Year 3	Miss Martindale with Miss Shala
Year 4	Miss Sainsbury with Mrs Quinn
Year 5	Miss Brumby with Mr Glock and Miss Sende
Year 6	Miss Griffiths and Ms Curtis (part time) with Mrs Peters

Mrs Clarke will work as a Learning Support Assistant, predominantly in Year 1 initially.

### **School Reports**

School reports were written after lockdown based on the progress children had made up to that point in time. These will be posted home during week beginning July 27<sup>th</sup>. The reason for the delay in posting these out is that other information will be included in the envelope. Also in the envelope will be a transition booklet for each child and details of The Ryde School summer reading challenge, which will be paper based rather than an electronic version.

The staff and I are looking forward to September and welcoming our children and families back to school.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sue Thompson