



The Ryde School

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Dear Parents and Carers of Reception Class children,

A few helpful notes to make returning to, or starting, school clear for both parents and children.

When your child comes to school next week they will need to be wearing full school uniform. To begin with, they will not need to bring anything with them except a lunch box if they are having a packed lunch. The school kitchen will be providing a normal menu (cooked meals) for children having school dinners.

Your child will not need their book bag to begin with. Your child's teacher will let you know when your child should bring it to school.

Your child will not need their PE kit for the first two days back at school, and your child's teacher will tell your child when they need to bring their PE kit to school.

Please help us to help your child by filling in the questionnaire we will be sending you.

Class R will be in Purple Group and will enter the school site through the gates nearest The Dell. They will walk across the car park and through the large green gates, where they will be met by either myself or Ms Curtis the Deputy Head teacher. For the first few days parents will be allowed to walk their child to the wooden gate outside the classroom before saying goodbye. The children will wash their hands on entering their classroom.

At the end of the day the children will be brought through the playground to the car park to be met by their parents. Parents please socially distance when you are waiting for your child. This may mean waiting on the pavement until there is space for you in the car park. Please keep to the left of the gates as you enter and leave the car park.

I would ask that parents/carers do not congregate at the gates, so that all children can be seen by their parents clearly, it may mean waiting a while. We just want to keep everyone safe. Please be prepared for collecting your child to take a little longer than normal to begin with. We are trying our best to make drop off and pick up as safe as possible for everyone.

For the first two days these are the timings for Class R:

Drop off: 9:00am

Pick up: 12:00am

For the first full week these are the timings for Class R:

Drop off: 9:00am

Pick up: 3.00pm

As timings are very tight between classes, please be punctual – and patient.



If you have more than one child to drop off, please arrive at the earliest time, all your children will be able to enter their classrooms at that time too.

If you have more than one child to collect, that is a little more problematic for us, but we intend for the elder child/ren to make their way to the youngest child's collection point (directed by their TA). The children will have to learn this, so it may take a day or two to establish.

If you have any messages for the teacher or the office, or would like to speak to me, please email admin@ryde.herts.sch.uk . All emails will be read first thing and I will ensure any messages will be delivered before 9:00am. Or you can phone and speak to Mrs Burrough, Mrs Ison or myself. We will be happy to help you. It will be necessary to hold face to face meetings sometimes. These will be held in the school hall by appointment and in line with social distancing guidelines and advice.

I hope this information is helpful to you. If you require any further information, please do contact me.

We are looking forward to either meeting your child or seeing your child again.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Mrs Sue Thompson
Headteacher