



Summer Term

July 2021

Rowley Lane Newsletter

End of academic year newsletter..

This has certainly been another challenging year and we thank you for your support as it draws to a close today. Once again we hope to be able to resume more normality in September and there are more details about proposed changes or returns to regular routines within this newsletter. Please read these carefully.

Today, Mrs Sam Vatani will commence her maternity leave and Miss Judy Haigh, Assistant Head, will be starting her early retirement after working at Rowley Lane for 24 years. Over the years she has taken the lead with inducting new staff, trainees, volunteers and in particular supporting Newly Qualified Teachers through their first year, which applies to many of our existing staff team. She has also led our School Council and Befrienders and been a driving force alongside other staff with Personal, Social & Health Education. We thank her for all she has brought to Rowley Lane and wish her every happiness in her retirement.



Miss Judy Haigh
Assistant
Head Teacher

Other changes for staffing in September include Mrs Michelle Wood returning full time. We also have a number of new SEN Educational Education Assistants joining our team: Miss Roseanna Sykes, who has been working with us for the last few months as well as Miss Sally Brennan and Mrs Natalie Broadfield who are new to our team. Miss Victoria Muffitt joins our general ETA Team in Key Stage One.

Class teachers for next year were released on the school website last week following a notification via our app. Educational support staff will work across different classes and year groups next year and help support the catch up programme within the school day. Information about after-school catch up sessions in the Autumn Term for pupils in Key Stage Two will go out in September.

Important information about changes to how contact tracing now takes place within educational and childcare settings was emailed out to families at the weekend. Please familiarize yourself with this, including the changes that are due to take place from August 16th.

I hope you all enjoy a relaxing, safe summer together. As well as Miss Haigh leaving, we also say a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils and a small number of other families who are moving on. We wish all pupils and families leaving us this time the very best for the future. For everyone else, we look forward to welcoming people back to school in September along with some new faces: Tuesday 7th September for all pupils, except for those new Reception children who have been notified of their different start date.

Arriving at and Leaving School from September

Once we return in September, **we will go back to a fixed start time where doors open at 8:50am and register closes at 9am for all. The end time of each day will be 3:15.**

Extended day club, which provides up to 1hour childcare after school for pupils in Reception to Y6 will resume. If you previously used this service, we have sent you an email about re-booking. If you are interested in this, please contact office@rowleylane.co.uk. It can be booked as a regular slot or on an ad-hoc basis and costs £2.60 per session which is charged via parent pay. Bookings can be made by emailing office@rowleylane.co.uk

Our Drop off Zone will revert to being available between 8:30am-8:45am only—this is available for pupils in Y3 upwards who can responsibly take themselves to their classroom door and wait sensibly until it opens. It can also be used where younger pupils are dropped off with an adult by someone else who then drives off immediately to wait outside the grounds.

WY Metro run a School Bus service that runs from Almondbury to school picking up and dropping off at various points along the way including some stops on Wakefield Rd, Penistone Rd and Fenay Bridge Rd. Our Service is the S11. It is available for Reception—Year 6 and exclusive to pupils from our school and Lepton C of E. There is an escort on the bus as well as the driver to help supervise the children. Pre-registering and booking is required and further information can be found here: [Schools | Metro \(wymetro.com\)](https://www.wymetro.com) Using this service helps to ease congestion around school at drop off and pick up and can also extend the school day for working parents. A timetable can be found on the website but as an example, the bus picks up on Northgate in Almondbury at 8:22 and drops off there at just after 4pm.

To ease congestion in the cloakroom areas, teachers will continue to let children into and out of the classroom directly through their classroom doors with the exception of Nursery, Reception and Mrs Wood who will use cloakroom doors. Pupils have been to visit their new classroom earlier this week and all doors will be clearly labelled for the first day in September.

Operational Guidance for September

From September we are looking forward to being able to resume many of our normal activities, however there are a small number of procedures we will be keeping. Please read the information below carefully so you can prepare for September.

- **Usual School Uniform Applies:** [Rowley Lane Junior Infant And Nursery School - Uniform](#) Please make sure that you buy the correct uniform by looking at the website page to check first. Full uniform should be worn by all pupils in Reception to Year 6 on any day they do not have PE. All clothing should be named so that any lost property can be returned as soon as possible.
- **PE Kits to be worn on PE Days.** Please make sure this is our uniform PE kit of a plain white t-shirt with plain navy blue bottoms (leggings, joggers, shorts or skorts), a plain navy blue sweatshirt/jersey tracksuit top or a school jumper and dark trainers. Details here: [Rowley Lane Junior Infant And Nursery School - Uniform](#). As they will be wearing this for up to two full days a week it is important that it is in line with our uniform. We will have spare uniform for pupils to change into if they are not wearing the correct clothing. Keeping this system in place works well as it allows for more quality time to be spent on activity in PE lessons and it will also keep cloakrooms safer and less congested. PE days for year groups will be published on the Year Group page of the website during the holidays.
- **Book Bags or Work Folders Only.** All bags for reading books, homework and letters must be able to fit within a school drawer. They will not be allowed to be kept in the cloakrooms—these will be for coats only. Measurements of the drawers are: 35cm x 26cm x 5.5cm deep.
- **Playtimes:** Children will be allowed to mix freely at breaktimes. Areas will be zoned by activity (e.g. ball games/quiet zones/running games) etc and some areas will be on a rota but other than that pupils will be able to mix. All pupils will return to having breaktime at the same time.
- **Lunchtime:** All pupils from Reception to Year 6 will eat their lunch in the main hall. Year 2-6 will be on a rota for when they go to the dining hall. We will be keeping our Meal Selector system which will allow pupils to pre-order their lunch each morning. This helps the kitchen prepare the correct amount of each choice and helps to reduce waste.
- **Class Groups and Year Group organisation:** There will no longer be a requirement to stick to bubbles (unless there is an outbreak) therefore we will be mixing two classes together to group for certain lessons or activities.
- **Assemblies:** From September, we will be starting to resume some assemblies together in the hall starting with just three year groups together.
- **Positive Cases of COVID, Isolation and Symptomatic Staff and Pupils** Please read the letter emailed out on Sunday 18th July in relation to guidance on positive cases, isolation and symptoms. Pupils or staff who have symptoms should not attend school and should seek a PCR test.
- **Outbreak Management Plan:** From September all schools should have an outbreak management plan. This will be published on our website and will involve returning to some of the measures that have been in place this year for a period of time if it is deemed necessary.

All of the above is subject to any Government changes that may occur over the summer break. We will keep you updated via our app, notifications and email where necessary however we are all very much hoping for the above plan to go ahead.

First Important Dates for next academic year

These are some initial dates for your diary . A more detailed calendar will follow in September with details on information evenings, parents evenings our postponed Arts Festival and hopefully lots more!

| Date | Event | Additional Details |
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| Mon 6th Sept | INSET Day | School closed to pupils. |
| Tues 7th Sept | School Reopens for most pupils | Some new Reception starters have been notified of a different start date. |
| Thurs 9th Sept | PTA AGM | 7:30pm - possibly in person or possibly on Zoom—details to be confirmed by app notification in September. New members welcome. |
| Mon 6th June 2022 | Additional Bank Holiday | Additional bank holiday in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. (Schools have been asked to name an additional bank holiday in term time) |



Jenny Shore is the Designated Safeguarding Lead - please report any concerns to her, Andrea Haigh or Georgia Heaton also support the Safeguarding Lead role.



Miss Jenny Shore
Head Teacher



Mrs Andrea Haigh
Assistant
Head Teacher

Emergency contact out of hours through the holiday period can be made through emailing head@rowleylane.co.uk This email address is checked regularly out of hours and term time.