



Head Teacher: Mrs. J Caunce



Wednesday 3rd September 2025 -Newsletter 1



Dear Parent/Carers,

A warm welcome back after the summer holidays. Please can we extend our gratitude for all the well wishes, gifts and thank you messages we had at the end of the school year. They were so heartening to receive, and all the staff were appreciative of all of them. A huge welcome to our new EYFS children and their parents. We very much look forward to welcoming you into our Ribble Drive community. Please do take the time to read over the newsletter carefully and make note of some important dates for your calendars this term. With your ongoing support, we are committed to making this another fantastic year at Ribble Drive.

Attendance and Punctuality

The government is still trying to improve school attendance. Just to remind you all of the new legislation that came into effect in August of last year. This will impact you if you are planning holidays during term time. The main changes link to the reduction in sessions needed before a fine is issued (5 consecutive days - previously 10), the increase in the fines, and when a third offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate Court. These fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Please see the flowchart, attached to the newsletter, for further clarification. (Please note this will affect parents who chose to remove their child for holiday purposes during the last three years - fines **will** be issued)

Last year, as a school we had a large % of our pupils late to school on many occasions. This year our attendance team will be closely monitoring punctuality in line with our attendance policy which can be accessed on the school website.

**Attendance affects learning Attendance affects future outcomes
Attendance affects wellbeing and a sense of belonging**

09.09.25 - Meet the Teacher - Year 3 - 9am

School Uniform

Children should come to school, wearing their full school uniform. Please ensure your child wears suitable, hard wearing shoes. Nail varnish or acrylic nails are not permitted, and a watch and stud earrings are the only type of jewellery that should be worn. Hair styles and cuts should be smart and appropriate. Please ensure your child has a suitable, waterproof coat each day.

Please see below our required uniform:

- Navy blue jumper/cardigan with logo (£11.50 from the office). School will accept jumpers/cardigans with no logo, however, it must be the same colour. (Green Jumpers - Year 6 ONLY)
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress
- Blue checked dress (Summer term)
- White socks
- Black school shoes
- School book bag (available from the office for £6.00) (not compulsory)

P.E Uniform:

- Dark blue T-shirt with logo (£6.00 from the office) or a plain t-shirt of the same colour.
- Black shorts
- Pumps
- Outdoor P.E - suitable trainers and clothing (e.g. navy/black tracksuits). No football kits unless training

04.11.25 - School Opens (TUESDAY)

04.11.25 - Flu Vaccinations

14.11.25 - Children in Need - Pennies for Pudsey

Welcome

A warm welcome to our newest staff members Miss Baurley and Mrs Shaw who will be supporting our pupils in Year 1 and Year 2.

Sports Clubs

All after school sports clubs will start week beginning September 8th from 3.30 -4.30. These will be targeted at different year groups throughout the year, and Miss Clements will be issuing more details on Class Dojo.

Monday - (Y1/2) - Multi-Skills

Tuesday - (Y3/4) - Dodgeball

Wednesday- (Y5/6) - Dodgeball

Parents should note that after school promptly and pupils must be collected in front of school via the main entrance. We are not responsible for supervising children after the activity has finished.



Nut Allergies

Please ensure that all food brought into school is free from nuts. If your child is celebrating a birthday we ask that you only send in 'free from nut' produce. We have children in school with SEVERE nut allergies and we must ensure that we adhere to these rules.

Meet the Teacher

Please see the dates and times for our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. This will be a chance for you to meet your child's teacher and other staff working with them this year. All meetings will take place in the school hall.

Parents Evening

This term, Parents Evening will be held on Monday 17th November. You will be able to book a timeslot nearer the time. The evening will take place in the school hall where you will be able to meet your child's teacher and discuss their current progress.

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With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes came into force for Penalty Notices issued after the 19th August 2024

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10-week period

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education