



Dear Parents and Carers

Here we are in lockdown again – although it feels very different to the last one. The staff at Radipole are all grateful to be able to continue caring for and teaching the children at school as we know how precious their education is. Last half term was a little more eventful than we expected or hoped for – but I am hopeful that this second lockdown has come at a point that will help us continue keeping everyone safe in school, learning and achieving well. Thank you all for continuing to support us in our efforts to keep the school covid-secure. The Dorset-wide request for all parents and visitors to wear masks on school grounds was immediately embraced by the parents here – thank you very much for that.

Drop of and collection from school

A reminder of designated “Bubble” collection and drop-off times:

	Drop-off (morning)	Collection (afternoon)
Reception	9:00am, outside classes	3:00pm, outside classes
Year 1	8:55am, outside classes	3:10pm, top roundabout
Year 2	8:55am, outside classes	3:10pm, lower roundabout
Year 3	8:50am, outside classes	3:15pm, outside classes
Year 4	8:50am, outside class / school gate	3:15pm, outside class / school gate
Year 5	8:45am, outside class / school gate	3:20pm, outside class / school gate
Year 6	8:45am, outside class / school gate	3:20pm, outside class / school gate

For those parents with children in more than one bubble, drop off at the earlier of the times so that you don't need to make more than one journey round the site. Please try not to arrive earlier than the designated time; this helps us minimise the numbers of adults on site. Thank you.

We encourage developing children's independence so from Year 4 onwards, you can arrange to meet your child away from the classroom – this further helps keep numbers of people on site down.

For breakfast and after school club, please don't drive onto the school grounds after 8:30am when dropping off, or before 3:45pm when collecting.

Safety

Please keep your children with you once you have collected them – some children have been running ahead and out of the school site on their own, which is a safety risk for them. Like previously regarding dogs on site, I have discovered that the rules on scooters bikes on school grounds are not as they seemed – previously the longstanding rule was that nobody

should be riding bikes or scooters on the school grounds, so we're going to go back to that – I have asked all the children today to make sure they dismount before they come in and to ride only after they exit the school grounds.

Please do not attempt to turn your car in the yellow hatched markings at the school entrance – this is a pedestrian zone currently because of the one-way system, so it is dangerous for cars to swing inside this zone.

Please respect the school's neighbours when parking near the school, and please do not park on the zigzag markings – this is illegal as well as unsafe and the local traffic wardens have been known to issue tickets...

Lost property

Please ensure all your child's clothing is named – and remember that if a name is written on the label in ink rather than being sewn in, it washes out quite quickly. Unfortunately, any unnamed lost property is likely to be lost for good, as rummaging in lost property is not a good idea these days – we will sadly need to discard any clothes whose owner we cannot identify.

ClassDojo and Remote Learning

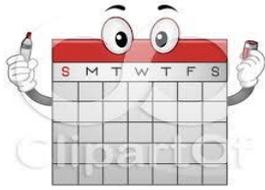
Class Dojo is up and running well now – we nearly have all parents connected, which is great. We have 100% of parents connected to Parentmail (amazing!) so our aim is for 100% of parents to be connected to their class teacher via ClassDojo as well. We are finding it a very useful communication tool as well as being a useful platform for remote learning – we have received very positive feedback on how supportive it has been from those who have used it.

To clarify expectations around home learning: aligned with DfE guidance, any pupil who needs to isolate at home can access a set of home learning materials from the school website (under Curriculum / Learning at Home). There are links to many online resources on this page as well. Children working at home when isolating can submit their work to their teacher using ClassDojo. If a class bubble has to close at any point, the teacher will set work for each day and be available during the day to receive work, answer questions and offer feedback.

The advice from government is that if a child has an extremely vulnerable family member at home, they should still attend school. If a parent has made the decision not to send their child to school, we will not be able to provide home learning or feedback for them, as we are expected to encourage all children to attend as far as possible.

Best wishes

Ben Barker, Headteacher



Term Dates

Autumn Term

Inset Day

Thursday 3rd September 2020

Inset Day

Friday 4th September 2020

Autumn Term starts

Monday 7th September 2020

Autumn Half Term

Monday 26th October 2020 — Friday 30th October 2020

Inset Day

Monday 2nd November 2020

Autumn Term ends

Friday 18th December 2020

Christmas holidays

Monday 21st December 2020 – Friday 1st January 2021

Spring Term

Spring Term starts

Monday 4th January 2021

Half Term

Monday 15th February 2021 — Friday 19th February 2021

Spring Term ends

Thursday 1st April 2021

Easter holidays

Friday 2nd April 2021 – Friday 16th April 2021

Summer Term

Inset Day

Monday 19th April 2021

Summer Term starts

Tuesday 20th April 2021

Inset Day

Friday 28th May 2021

Half Term

Monday 31st May 2021 – Friday 4th June 2021

Summer Term ends

Friday 23rd July 2021

Summer holidays

Monday 26th July 2021 – Tuesday 31st August 2021