Ratho Primary School

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15th August 2022

Dear School Community

I hope all our children and families have had a wonderful summer holiday. Session 2022-23 begins today for staff; children return to school on **Wednesday 17th August**. Please see a few reminders below.

Please note, new P1 pupils and Nursery pupils are on their own timetables (communicated at the end of last session) for the first week of return.

School times:

	Mondays – Thursdays	Fridays
Start Time	8:50	8:50
Morning Break	10:30-10:45	10:30-10:45
Lunch Time	P1&2: 12:00-1:00 P3-P7: 12:30-1:15	N/A
Finish Time	P1&2: 2:55 P3-P7: 3:15	P1&2: 12:15 P3-P7: 12:25

Travel to and from School:

We encourage our pupils to walk to school as the majority of our pupils live in the school catchment. Parents are requested, when dropping off/collecting children from school that they do not park in any location which causes an obstruction and they take care not to restrict the view of the school crossing patrol. Parents and carers should not use the school car park for drop off and pick up.

Start of the day:

School starts at 8.50am for all pupils. The playground will open from 8.40am and the school building will open just before 8.50am. Pupils should enter the playground and school without their parents/carers. We do not use the school bell.

End of the day:

- 2:55pm**: P1 & P1/2** will leave from the main playground gate.
- 2.55pm: **P2** will leave from the Hallcroft Park/West gate
- 3:15pm: **P3** and **P3/4** classes will leave from the Hallcroft Park/West gate… P3 pupils should be collected by parents/carers; please make yourself visible for your child when collecting them.
- 3:15pm: **P4 – P7** classes will be dismissed from the main gate.

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School Uniform:

We are proud that the vast majority of our pupils wear school uniform. Uniform can be ordered through the Border Embroidery website www.border-embroideries.co.uk. You can also purchase plain uniforms from most major supermarkets.

The sweatshirt and cardigans are red and have the school badge in black. Polo shirts should be white. Our P7s wear black sweatshirts as a mark of their special position of responsibility in our school.

Other uniform is as follows:

- Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores
- In summer, girls can wear red summer school dresses
- White shirts and school ties are also acceptable

We politely ask that all uniform is labelled with first names and surnames so that we can recover if lost.

P.E. Kit:

School P.E. Kits which include black shorts and red t-shirts with the school logo in black can also be purchased from www.border-embroideries.co.uk if you wish. No football colours are permitted as P.E. kit.

Pupils do not have to change for P.E. We ask that on the days that your child has P.E. that they come to school wearing P.E. kit and wear their school jumper on top.

Indoor shoes:

Pupils will use indoor shoes this session. Gym plimsoles are ideal, otherwise trainers for indoor P.E., are to be worn inside the classrooms. Slippers/sliders/flip-flops are not suitable indoor shoes.

Water Bottles:

Pupils should bring a named refillable water-bottle every day.

The school handbook will be updated and re-issued for the new session shortly alongside all school organisation details and calendar for the school session.

We look forward to welcoming all children to school for session 2022-23 on **Wednesday 17th August**… See you then!

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb
Head Teacher

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