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Working together to be the best we can possibly be.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4.13

11th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Safeguarding:

Please see the parent guide for TikTok below. TikTok is rated as 13+. You can find out further advice about how to keep your child safe online by accessing resources from the NSPCC:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children.../online-safety/>



Wellbeing and Mental Health:

Every parent and carer can have free access to My Happy Mind resources to use at home.

Click on the QR code below or follow this link to log in. [myHappyMind Parent Resources](#)



When you log in, you will be asked for our school number. **Our number is: 110807.** Please contact the office in the first instance if you require any further information.

Promoting Pro-Social Behaviour Policy and Suspension and Exclusion Policy:

As part of our ongoing review of school policies, we are pleased to share with parents and carers our Promoting Pro-Social Behaviour Policy also Suspensions and Exclusions Policy: [Policy Library | The Rackham C of E \(VC\) Primary School \(rackhamprimaryschool.com\)](#)

These policies clearly set out how we uphold a therapeutic approach to behaviour management as adopted by Cambridgeshire County Council and Cambridgeshire Therapeutic Thinking (CTT).

The Promoting Pro-Social Behaviour Policy outlines how we proactively educate our pupils at The Rackham C of E Primary School on how to recognise and regulate their emotions along with upholding our school's vision and values to enable everyone to work together to be the best they can possibly be.

This academic year we have introduced a new platform specifically to monitor behaviour, your child may have mentioned it to you, it is called Trackit Lights.

All members of staff have a log in for Trackit Lights and so can recognise pro-social behaviours with a green Trackit Light. The list of green pro-social behaviours has been shared with all pupils and adults.

We would like to invite all parents to download and log into the Trackit Light app to share your child's pro-social behaviours in our school. [Trackit Lights Parent App on the App Store \(apple.com\)](#) or [Trackit Lights ParentApp\(Beta\) - Apps on Google Play](#)

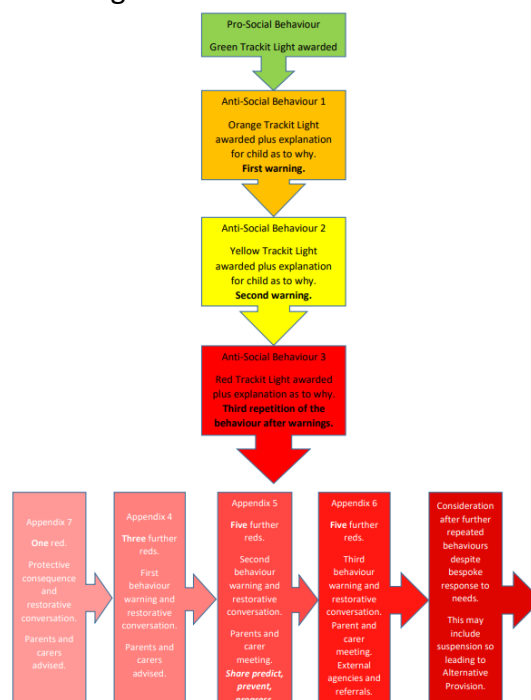


The Trackit Light platform also logs where pupils are demonstrating anti-social behaviours and gives opportunity for pupils to receive two warnings enabling pupils to reflect on their decision making, utilise their learnt self-regulation techniques and return to pro-social behaviours once more.

Where a pupil, despite two warnings, continues with an anti-social behaviour, a red Trackit Light is given. Red Trackit Lights are also given for an identified list of anti-social behaviours requiring no warning. This list can be found in the policy.

As a school, we have identified a system for parent and carer communication where a red Trackit Light has been given. Red Trackit Lights are not visible on the app as anti-social behaviours must be followed up with parents by The Rackham C of E Primary School Senior Leadership Team.

This process is explained in the flow diagram below:



Reception and Year 1 phonics sessions:

We will be holding stay and play phonics sessions for Reception and Year 1 parents. The dates and booking information were emailed last Friday. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Year 5 parent meal:

We would like to invite Year 5 parents and carers to join us for school dinner on Thursday 17th October. The meal will be our extremely popular (and very delicious) roast dinner.

Parents and carers are asked to purchase their school dinner through MCAS under the Products and Trips tab. The meal will cost £3.60. **Meal choice and payment must be made by today, Friday 11th October please.**

Please complete this form to book your meal once payment has been made on MCAS:

<https://forms.office.com/e/5GfdNEvPnR>

Unfortunately, we can only offer for one parent or carer to attend. This will be an annual event moving forwards so will be repeated next academic year.

Children in Year 5 who prefer to have a home packed lunch will still have opportunity for their parent or carer to join them. Adults can still order a school dinner or bring a packed lunch from home to sit to eat with their child.

Please can parents and carers of Year 5 children arrive for school dinner at 12.25pm.

Uniform orders:

Uniform items for school and pre-school pupils are now available from Sigma. [Clubs & Groups - Sigma Embroidery & Printing](#)

Orders must be placed by parents and carers and can be collected from Sigma Embroidery on Sedgeway.

FWR Lottery:

Your School Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for schools in the UK. All schools supported by the lottery will benefit the UK and its residents.

Play the lottery, support your school – it's that simple!

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000!

Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6 digit winning combination will be picked. Match all 6 and you win the JACKPOT!

There is also a guaranteed winner for each school every Saturday which is drawn on a raffle basis, so there are two chances to win a prize.

For more information and details of how to sign up, please use the QR code below:



FWR events:

Following their AGM last week, the following dates have been confirmed for FWR events this term:
Wednesday 23rd October – Film Night
Friday 29th November – Bingo
Wednesday 11th December – Disco

If you would be interested in joining the committee, their next meeting is on Tuesday 12th November.
Please email fwr@rackham.cambs.sch.uk for more details

Ready, Steady, Slow Cook:



**READY
STEADY
SLOW COOK**

Cambridgeshire County Council

Our Ready, Steady, Slow Cook course will give you a fun introduction to using a slow cooker to prepare delicious, healthy and good value meals for you, your family and your friends.

You will be given a slow cooker to take home with you and once you have completed the course this is yours to keep!

In each session you will learn skills to help you plan, budget and prepare ingredients ready to take home and cook.

Ingredients will be provided free of charge each week.

Tuesdays:
Start Date: 5/11/2024
End Date: 26/11/2024
Time: 12:30 pm - 2:30 PM
@ Soham Child and Family Centre

Call 01353 612770 to book or Scan qr Code

Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centres
CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY

QR code

Seahorse Swimschool – half term course



5 Day Intensive SWIMMING COURSE

SEAHORSE SWIM SCHOOL

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024
9am - 11:30am

£115 per swimmer
2:1 Ratio
30 minute lessons

Fun Swimming Lessons
Independent lessons for all ages and abilities

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October half term holiday camp:



Happy Birthday to us!

The Rackham C of E Primary School was founded in 1844, we are 180 years old this year.



To mark this phenomenal birthday, we would like all pupils and adults working at school (and parents too if they wish) to dress in Victorian style clothes for the last day of this half term, Friday 25th October 2024. Do you have any memories of The Rackham? We would love to share them. Please jot down your memories and hand in at the school office or email office@rackham.cambs.sch.uk

Thank you.

Attendance:

The Rackham has an updated policy on Attendance. Please follow this [link](#) to read the policy on the school website.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting our drive for improved attendance. The Government has identified a child's attendance of 96% and above is the key figure to give best chance of academic progress. Please can we remind you that absence must be reported to the office by 9am on each day of absence.

This week's attendance: 95.31%

ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT - DON'T MISS OUT



Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Best wishes,

Miss Turner

Dates for your diary:

14 th October	Y6 Ravenstor depart 14.10.2024; return 18.10.2024
17 th October	Y5 Parent or carer school dinner invitation (booking required)
21 st – 23 rd October	Year 1 parents - classroom phonics session 8.30 - 9.15am (booking required)
23 rd October	FWR Film Night – more details will be available next week.
25 th October	Year 1 Phonics parent meeting 8.30am (booking required)
25 th October	Dress in Victorian style clothes
	HALF TERM
4 th – 7 th November	Reception parents – Phonics stay and play sessions 8.30am (booking required)
8 th November	Reception parents – Phonics meeting 8.30am (booking required)
11 th November	Parent’s Evening Week
	Anti-Bullying Week
15 th November	Children in Need
20 th November	Y4 Burwell information evening
20 th November	Vision screening for Reception children
28 th November	Y4 Parent or carer school dinner invitation
29 th November	FWR Bingo
2 nd December	Christmas performances this week
11 th December	FWR Christmas Disco
12 th December	Christmas Dinner – Reception and KS1
13 th December	Christmas Dinner – KS2
19 th December	Last day of term