



**RACKHAM**  
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for making me feel so welcome in my new role over the course of the last three days.

**Appeal for parent volunteers to hear pupils read:**

We would be delighted to hear from any parents or carers who have some time during their day to be a volunteer in school hearing children read. If you do have some spare time, would you please contact the office with your name, contact details and availability. Please email [office@rackham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@rackham.cambs.sch.uk) Thank you in anticipation of your help and time.

**Trial period for new routine at the end of the day for Year 3 and 4:**

Following on from Mrs. Harrison's update to parents in October, we have been discussing and considering ways to streamline the collection of children at the end of the school day.

On Monday, we would like to commence a trial period where Year 3 and 4 will exit school using the same route that Year 5 and 6 currently use. Teachers will lead the Year 3 and 4 children through the red gates by the bottom car park. Once through the gates, class teachers will dismiss their children. We anticipate this will alleviate some of the current congestion experienced near the hall. We would be grateful for any feedback you have about this initiative during the trial period. If this does prove a successful modification, we will then put into place a second phase of our plan for Key Stage One and Reception.

**Attendance:**

Research has identified the better the attendance of a child at school, the better their academic progress. At The Rackham, we support wholeheartedly these findings about attendance and progress.

Arriving at school on time has also been shown to enhance academic progress. To ensure a child has the best chance of making good academic progress their attendance target would be 96% or above.

It seems sensible to share the following two paragraphs from our Attendance Policy:

Children should arrive at school from 8.30am and go straight to class. Registration is called at 8.45am. Registers will close five minutes after registration times.

A pupil that arrives after these times but before 9.15am will be marked as 'late'. Children who arrive after 9.15am will be marked as an unauthorised absence for that session although the school will know the child is on site for health and safety purposes such as a fire alarm.

If you wish to read our Attendance Policy in its entirety, it can be found on our website. [Policy Library | Rackham CE Primary School \(rackhamprimaryschool.com\)](#)

**Pupil Premium:**

In these current financially challenging times, if your circumstances have changed you may wish to investigate your eligibility for Pupil Premium funding. Please use this link to apply directly via the County Council website. Alternatively, please speak to the office staff for further information.

[Pupil Premium - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

**Change to Active Play timings:**

Next week, Active Play will be leading sessions with our children in the afternoons only. On the days that your child has Active Play, please send them into school in PE kit that includes shorts under jogging bottoms as some sessions will be in the hall. The Key Stage One team will update parents about Forest School days when alternative kit will be required.

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
Key Stage One	Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6

**Vacancy for Midday Supervisor and Teaching Assistant:**

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor and Teaching Assistant. Details of the roles and how to apply can be found on our website. [Vacancies | Rackham CE Primary School \(rackhamprimaryschool.com\)](#)

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes,



Miss Turner  
Acting Headteacher

