



# Ryecroft C.E. Middle School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

9th September 2022

Welcome back to a new academic year! I hope you have had a wonderful summer break, full of family, friends and good times.

We welcome the following staff to our team this September:

Mrs R Davis – SENDCO, English and Maths

Mrs S March – RE and Geography

Mrs P Jones – Teaching Support

We also welcomed new pupils across all year groups - 47 Year 5 pupils, 1 pupil into Year 6, 3 pupils into Year 7 and 1 pupil into Year 8. It has been a fantastic week seeing new and familiar faces back in school, everyone has made a really positive start to the new school year, looking smart in their uniforms and ready to learn.

## Attendance 'First Day Contact'

All pupils have an attendance target of 97%. Please remember that we need to be informed early on the first day of absence if your son or daughter cannot attend school. Please also ensure that we have updated emergency contact numbers and that, in particular, any telephone numbers for places of work are correct. We must have a minimum of 2 contacts for all pupils. Please also ensure that we have a correct mobile phone number. Please note that, if a pupil is absent and parents have not contacted us, we will contact you at home or work to determine that the absence is genuine.

## Holidays in Term Time

Legislation states that I am not able to grant holiday requests – in fact it is illegal for me to do so. Furthermore, holidays in term time may result in the local authority issuing parents with a £60-£120 penalty notice. Therefore, I ask you to ensure that all holidays are booked outside of term time.

## School Gateway

If you have not already done so, please download the School Gateway app to your phone (I have attached some information to this letter to help with this). School Gateway will enable you to view your child's timetable, attendance and now the awarding of any achievement or behaviour points throughout the day. Please talk to your child about these, it is a great way to celebrate positive achievements and remind children about maintaining the school rules if they receive a behaviour point.

## Talaxy

Coming soon! Talaxy is our new online homework system. We will be rolling this programme out in the next few weeks which will enable you as parents to check on any homework your child is set, and when it is due.

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## School meals

Our school meal service is now provided by Chartwells, the leading school catering company. All menus can be found on the school website. The cost of a set menu is £2.45 per day as well as a range of individually priced items. We also offer a breakfast service from 8:30am each morning, items priced individually again. We can currently only accept cash for payment on a daily basis of food items.

## Calendar dates

Please see dates for your diaries at the bottom of this letter. In the event of any changes we will always endeavor to give you as much notice as possible. Further details about events will be sent out nearer to each date but in the meantime if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

## Queen Elizabeth II 1926 – 2022

On behalf of the governors and staff of Ryecroft CE Middle School, I would like to express our deep sorrow at the passing of Her Late Majesty The Queen. Rev Gary joined us for a whole school assembly this morning, and we spoke about some of the remarkable ways the Queen has affected our lives.

As a school we will be reflecting on and planning ways we can mark this very sad event. Events such as these will affect children and families in many different ways. Please get in touch if we can support you in any way.

As a school we pray for Her Majesty and give thanks for her long life. We pray for His Majesty the King and the whole of the Royal Family at this sad time.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs A Grattage**  
Headteacher

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION, DATES & EVENTS** **For ACADEMIC YEAR 2022 – 2023**

**Some dates / events are subject to change**

#### **SEPTEMBER 2022**

<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	First day back for staff and pupils (Autumn Term)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>Year 5</b> NSPCC Workshop
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>All Years</b> Flu Vaccinations <b>Year 8</b> HPV 1 Vaccinations
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Year 6</b> NSPCC Workshop

## OCTOBER 2022

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>All Years School Photographs</b> <b>FORM (Friends of Ryecroft Middle) AGM at Ryecroft 4:45pm. All Parents and Carers Welcome</b> <b>Year 5 Settling In / Parents' Evening 6:00pm to 8:00pm (Face to Face)</b>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	New Intake Open Evening 6:00pm – 8:00pm – No Appointments Required
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Last Day of Term
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>

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