

# Rothwell Victoria Junior School

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#### Dear Parent / Carer

Happy New Year to all our children and families. We hope you had a very restful break and are now feeling invigorated and ready for 2023!

As usual, the children soon settled back into their usual routines and have been busily engaged with their learning. Class newsletters will be coming home shortly.

Attached, is an updated list of important dates for the spring and summer terms. Many parents appreciate this information early so they are able to request time off work, so I hope you find these dates helpful. They are also available on the school website should you lose this list. Specific trips and other events appertaining to individual classes / year groups will be sent home separately.

## **Snow and Bad Weather**

May I take this opportunity to remind you of our procedures in the event of unplanned school closure. In the event of bad weather, it is always the schools' priority to remain open and as such we will always try to ensure the school site is both accessible and safe. There are however rare instances where the school might not be able to open as normal as a result of severe weather. Any changes to the usual opening arrangements will be communicated via Parent Hub, on the School Website, Leeds City Council and Radio Leeds. Where no updates have been provided, parents should assume the school is open as normal.

#### **Expectations**

At Rothwell Victoria, we believe very much in working with all of our parents/carers and pupils to make sure everyone achieves their full potential.

Please can you ensure that your child is fully prepared for learning when they arrive at school by:

- Arriving to school on time 8:40am for Year 5 and 6 children and 8:50am for Year 3 and 4 children.
- Ensuring your child wears full school uniform (details on the school website).
- Returning homework on time (please see class pages on the school website or contact class teachers if you have any questions regarding homework).
- Ensuring your child brings in their PE / swimming kit on the correct day (see class pages of the school website).

## **Pastoral Reminders**

<u>Absence from School</u> Please remember to call school on the first day of your son/daughter's absence Tel: 0113 3932926

<u>Contact Details</u> It is important that we have your current contact details in case we need to contact you, especially in the case of an emergency concerning your child/ren. Can you please make sure that if you have changed your contact details, address, phone, mobile numbers or email address that you let the school office know as soon as possible so we can update our records.

<u>Gate Safety</u> When pressing the buzzer at the school gate, please be patient as staff in the office may be on the telephone or dealing with children. We do answer as soon as we can. In line with safeguarding arrangements, people going out of the gate should not let parents into the school grounds as staff in school are then unaware of who is on school premises.

# **Internet Safety**

There has been lots of safety information in the news recently about the platform Roblox. INEQE Safeguarding group have created this helpful guide for parents and school staff about harmful content on the gaming platform, Roblox. <u>A Parents Guide to Protecting Children from Harmful Content'</u>.

The BBC has released a new <u>File on Four radio episode</u> discussing the gaming platform Roblox. The episode investigates the online platform's measures to ensure children are protected and explores concerns around financial exploitation, grooming and access to inappropriate content.

Have you got questions about Roblox, Twitch, gaming platforms, Call of Duty or any other apps young people might be using? If so, this quide has lots of information to help.

Kind regards

Mrs Amanda Burrow

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