

17/07/2020

# End of Term and beyond

The past two terms have been surreal. As the pandemic thundered across the globe, February and early March felt as if one was in a Hollywood film. There was a sense that something was coming, but no-one seemed to know exactly what that was. Then – with 48 hours’ notice – schools closed. As a society we had to adapt and adjust; where we wanted to come together for comfort, we had to stay away for our safety.



Yet there was a sliver of normality that calmed the maelstrom of emotions and anxieties which seemed to wrap itself around the first few weeks of lockdown: Key Worker and Vulnerable Provision (KWVP).

The staff at Ryefield embraced the new normal, providing outstanding provision for our young students. We were united in giving these children (whose parents were working on the front line) a joyous and enriching experience. Over the past 100 days, we’ve fallen in love with snails, harvested crops from our allotment, learnt how to play the drums, discovered new artists, and made new friends. Ryefield will seek to include aspects of the KWVP provision into our recovery curriculum, and look ahead to September with a sense of optimism and hope.

I am so proud of Ryefield's amazing staff. They have - despite the negative press teachers received in the past few months - never wavered in their dedication to providing quality first teaching to the students who were either on site, or at home. September will bring its own set of challenges and surprises, I know that we will be redoubling our efforts to:

- To accelerate progress;
- To improve core skills;
- To develop resilient pupils.

This means that there will be some changes to the school day and the way in which we allocate staff and resources. The following details the changes that are currently scheduled to be implemented for September.

**Please note that the following was created using the governmental information available to us at the time of writing. If the government alters their expectations, the school will need to revise its plan. Any changes will be communicated via Facebook and Newsletter.**

*Subscribe to the school's Facebook/YouTube channel for the most up to date information.*

*Parents will receive an email invite to a webinar that will outline our arrangements for September.*

*Please register your interest here:*

When: Aug 24, 2020 09:00 AM London

**Register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrduurqzoiG9N44ZjpcZ7P7u32tjsRccCP>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**School hours from September.**

Schools are required to stagger start and finish times. Pupils will be grouped in year group bubbles and the times are as follows. The start and end times will vary for certain bubbles.

- Nursery am: 08.30 – 11.30
- Nursery pm: 12.20 – 15.20
- Reception: 08.20 – 14.50
- Key Stage 1: 08.20– 14.50
- Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3/4): 8.30 – 15.00
- Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5/6): 8.30 – 15.10

*Staggered break and lunch times:*

Timings of lunchtimes will be staggered, as will break times:

### **Break times**

- Key Stage 1: 10.00 – 10.20
- Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3/4): 10.20 – 10.40
- Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5/6): 10.20 – 10.40

### **Lunch times**

- Early Years: 11.30 – 12.20
- Key Stage 1: 11.30 – 12.20
- Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3/4): 12.30 – 13.20
- Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5/6): 12.30 – 13.20

### **Uniform**

We would also like to remind parents that - **for the autumn term** - the school has made school uniform non-compulsory. We would prefer children to come to school wearing a fresh set of clean clothes everyday. On the days they have PE, children can come to school in a tracksuit/set of joggers and sweat top, thus removing the need to change in class.

No child will be penalised for wearing a uniform, and some parents may want to mix and match depending on the weather. The governing body will make a decision in October that will determine whether the compulsory wearing of uniform will be reintroduced for the spring term (January onwards).



## Equipment for school



Pupils will be limited to certain equipment and September's equipment list is as follows:

1. A clear, sturdy, zipbable plastic wallet ([click here to see a recommended style](#)) with your child's name written on it.
2. A named water bottle
3. Reading Record and Homework books (provided by the school)
4. Reading book (from school and/or free choice)
5. Pencil case which needs to contain HB pencils, **BLUE** writing pen ([friction pens are best](#)), an eraser, a sharpener, highlighter, glue stick and either colouring pencils or crayola twistable. NO FELT TIPS
6. Packed Lunch box (hot dinners will be made available at a later date in the autumn term).

## Au Revoir Mr Rushton!



It is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to Mr Rushton, as he and his wife are emigrating to Canada. On behalf of the school I would like to thank him for the tremendous difference he has made to Ryefield's children. They have benefited from not only his excellent teaching, but also his diverse and eclectic choice in music. Anyone working in rooms adjacent to his will attest to the fact that he has turned the volume dial up to 11!. The children in his new class will be lucky to have such a great teacher. Their gain is our loss.



## Year 6 End of Year Show: His Dark Materials / Northern Lights



We were committed to letting our Year 6 children celebrate their time with us with an end of Year 6 show. Normally this would have been a staged production but such events are not permitted, so we made the decision to edit the play into a radio musical.

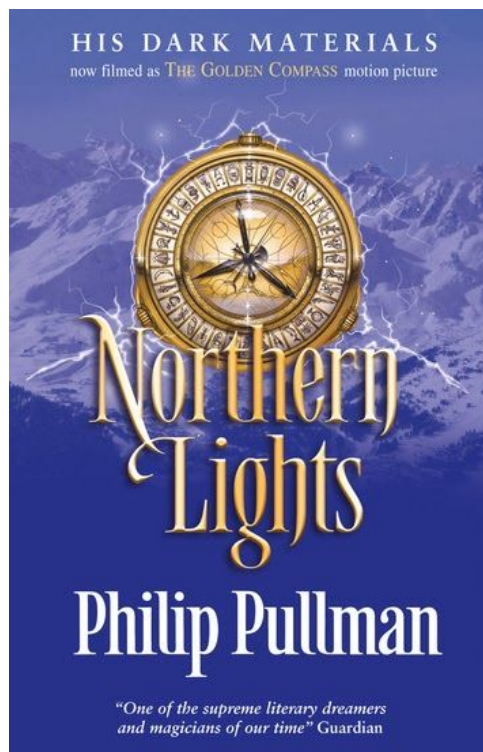
Some parents may already be familiar with some of the songs, which have been previewed on Facebook (we really can't stress enough that parents should like and follow the page for the most up to date information).

Mrs Dearing, Miss Dearing and Mr Murray

have finished recording all of the spoken parts and songs and everything has now gone into post production.

We hope to be able to premiere the show at some point next week. It will go live across three platforms:

1. Facebook
2. YouTube
3. Google Classroom - every class from Nursery upwards will get the opportunity to enjoy the fruits of Year 6's labour.



## **Thank you!**

We would like to express our thanks to Chris from PCP Building & Restoration, who have generously fitted perspex screens in our cafeteria area. These screens will ensure that your children can be served food in a fashion which minimises the risk of viral cross contamination and is greatly appreciated.

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## **Term Dates 2020-2021**

### **Autumn term 2020**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – INSET: Staff only

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – School opens for children

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – School breaks up for half term

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Half term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – School Opens

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November INSET: Staff only

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Term Ends

### **Spring term 2021**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – INSET: Staff only

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – School opens for children

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February – School breaks up for half term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Half term

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – School Opens

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Term ends

## **Summer term 2021**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – School opens

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – School breaks up for half term

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Half term

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – School opens

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – INSET: Staff Only

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Term Ends

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Staff Prep Days – Staff only

***Please be aware these dates are subject to change***

