



READY RESPECTFUL ENGAGED

Friday September 6th 2024

Good afternoon to all our parents and carers,

A warm welcome to you all on your return or start to school this week. It has been lovely to have all the children back in school and they have been amusing us with their tales and antics. Everyone is settling well and getting used to their new environment and routines.

I thought it might be useful for to you to have a few updates on changes we have made in school:

Firstly our Recognition Boards have now become Celebration Trees. You will see that in each classroom there is a tree with links to our values of Ready, Respectful and Engaged. These 3 values are woven through everything we do and teach the children. The children are taught what these values look like and are able to achieve up to 3 leaves per day for demonstrating these values, which they can add to the tree. Each class will have a daily reflection time when they will talk about how well they have done and what they can improve on the following day. We would really appreciate you developing further their understanding of these values and sharing with us the success you have at home. Our Relational Behaviour Policy which can be found on our website at <https://ravensdale-infant-nursery.secure-primariesite.net/policies/>

Please can we ask that children bring their reading books to school in a book bag only. Several children are bringing rucksacks and we just don't have room for them. Children only need their reading books and their water bottle (only containing water) therefore a book bag is perfect for these belongings. Book bags can be bought from many supermarkets or from suppliers such as Uniform Direct. They may contain the school logo but this isn't a must!

Many of you will be aware that during the Summer term the school council were out on the cul-de-sac reminding our parents and carers that parking is restricted from 8am until 6pm. We will be out again very soon, but can I put out a plea that anyone driving, parks further away and walks a short distance to school. We have already had a near miss this week. If you have concerns regarding anyone parking irresponsibly please contact the Parking Enforcement Team at Derby City Council. <https://www.derby.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/parking-in-derby/report-parking-problem/> Thank you for your support in this matter and to those who choose to park further away. Please be reminded that there is no vehicular access to either school for parents and carers, unless you have a signed agreement with myself or Mrs Bayliss (Head of Ravensdale Junior School).

As soon as we have confirmed dates we will be sending out information about parent/carer drop ins we are planning for sharing information about what we are doing in school, how we teach certain parts of the curriculum, how we can support children and families with SEND as well as a Macmillan coffee morning which will give our existing and new families a chance to meet and become more familiar with school life. Please watch out for emails coming your way. You can also access the calendar on our website for these dates at <https://www.ravensdalei.derby.sch.uk/diary/grid/2024/09/>



As an Infant and Nursery School all children here are entitled to universal free school meals. We encourage each child to eat a school dinner every day. The menu can be found on our website at <https://www.ravensdalei.derby.sch.uk/lunch-menus/> Please have a read of the menu, which covers two weeks and help your child select what they would like to eat whilst in school. If you decide you would like to send in a packed lunch please ensure it consists of healthy foods, and does not contain any nuts or nut products. We have children in school with nut allergies and being around nuts or nut products could be life threatening for them.

We will monitor the lunches brought into school to ensure that all food brought from home adheres to the criteria set out in the policy.

Packed lunches should contain the following:

- Energy food – choose wholegrain varieties like bread, pasta, couscous, rice, chapattis and wraps.
- Protein food – like meat, fish, dairy, lentils and beans.
- At least 1 or more portions of vegetables.
- 1 portion of fruit.
- A dairy food – like milk, cheese, yoghurt, custard or calcium-enriched plant-based dairy alternative.
- A drink of water, milk or fruit juice.

PACKED LUNCHES CAN OCCASIONALLY INCLUDE (approximately once per week)

- Meat based food items like sausage rolls and pies.
- Cakes and biscuits
- Crisps – try other alternatives instead including plain popcorn, vegetable sticks, seeds, savoury crackers or breadsticks.

The following food and drink are not permitted:

- Any foods containing nuts, this includes chocolate spread.
- Any food or drink containing a high sugar content such as jam or squash.
- Any food containing whole egg, such as an egg sandwich or a hard-boiled egg.
- Confectionary items such as sweets and chocolate, – instead include fruit.
- Carbonated/fizzy drinks or those containing caffeine.

Please read our Whole School Food policy on our website <https://ravensdale-infant-nursery.secure-primariesite.net/policies/>

We are all looking forward to a busy term where the children will make new friends, have fun and learn many new and exciting things. We hope you will work with us to ensure your child achieves the best they possibly can from their school journey. If you would like to play an important role in our school life and support us in fundraising and bringing our families together then please email pta@ravensdalei.derby.sch.uk. We would love you to join us. Please share with the classroom staff any achievements the children have out of school and any worries you may have, they are more than happy to help.

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

Asda are currently running a scheme where they will donate money to school when you shop there. I know some of our parents and carers have already signed up. We would be very grateful if you could follow the instructions on the website link and raise funds for our school. [Cashpot for schools \(asda.com\)](https://www.asda.com/cashpot-for-schools) Thank you in advance!



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The money raised will be donated through Charities for Schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot win.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

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Have a lovely weekend.
Kind regards,

Mrs L. Blanchenot
Head Teacher.