



READY RESPECTFUL ENGAGED

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a happy new year to you all. I hope you all had a lovely break.

As always we have hit the ground running and have been straight back into our routines with the children.

As we start a new term I thought it would be useful to remind you all of a few of the things we do in school:

If it is your child's birthday, they are invited to wear their own clothes to school to celebrate their special day. Due to various allergies etc we do not give out sweets or treats.

If your child has Go Wild (FS2 and FSI this term) please send them to school in suitable clothing and footwear that will keep them warm and that you don't mind getting muddy! If they come to school in wellies, please send indoor shoes in a bag.

Knowledge organisers can be found on our website at <https://www.ravensdalei.derby.sch.uk/curriculum/> These will give you an idea of what the children will be learning in school this term.

Children must wear PE kit to school on the day they have PE. PE kit is black/navy shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings, a white t-shirt and a school sweatshirt or cardigan. Black pumps or trainers that the children can fasten may be worn.

Children should be bringing their book bag everyday (no rucksacks please)

Children should all have a named drinking bottle with water in.

On a Friday we have a KSI celebration assembly where 2 children from each class are rewarded for following our school values of Ready, Respectful and Engaged. Please look out for these certificates in your child's book bag. Two classes win Dexter Dog each week for showing good manners at lunchtime.



Please can I ask that you do not drive onto the site as parking is **only** for school staff. For safeguarding and safety reasons it is important we know who is on site at all times. Please walk through the pedestrian gate only and not the car gate. Thank you for supporting us in keeping the children safe.

As you know, from the 1st February we will be changing our catering to Relish School Food. Many of you sampled some of the food just before we broke up. If you would like to see more about what they offer please visit their website at: <https://relish.schoolfood.co.uk/index.php> As we get closer to February we will share more information with you. The food will continue to be cooked on site by our current kitchen team.

Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 21st January – 9am Compass Changing Lives coffee morning at Ravensdale Junior School – all families invited. <https://compass-uk.org/services/compass-changing-lives/> Please see flyer already shared on Parent Hub for more details.
- Friday 6th February – NSPCC Number day – more information to be shared.
- Wednesday 11th February – Internet safety day
- Friday 13th February – Break up for half term
- Monday 23rd February – INSET day – school closed
- Tuesday 24th February – Return to school
- Thursday 5th March – Year 2 to Cromford Mills – Dolphins and Tigers
- Friday 6th March – Year 2 to Cromford Mills – Giraffes
- Tuesday 17th March – Parent/Carer consultation evening
- Wednesday 18th March – Parent/Carer consultation evening
- Wednesday 18th March – Class photographs
- Friday 20th March – INSET day – school closed.
- Friday 27th March – Break up for Easter
- Monday 13th April – Return to school

Please remember to name all items of clothing that come into school to help us return things to the correct child! Thank you.

We look forward to having a busy and fun term.

Kind regards,
Mrs L. Blanchenot
Head Teacher