



Messages from Redfield's Senior Leadership Team



Redfield Educate Together Primary Academy

September 13th 2024

Welcome back to our new academic year. We have had a very positive start to the term with our children revisiting expectations around their learning and behaviours and focusing on Zones of Regulation in order to help them understand their emotions and what they can do to help them to regulate. Over the summer our first-floor corridor has been transformed with new rooms built for small group work and intervention spaces.

We have Gemma and Mike (our Thrive practitioners) who have been hard at work creating a calm and inviting room for children to have sessions or support in regulating. Either Gemma or Mike will be available throughout the week to support our children, and we are already seeing a positive impact on this.

It is our 10th anniversary this year. Please see below for information regarding this.

You will have received emails this week regarding us moving from SeeSaw to Class Dojo for our communications. Please log into Arbor to consent to this and download the Class Dojo app to replace SeeSaw. This will be where you can communicate with teachers.

Attendance Matters

Excellent attendance enables children to achieve and make progress in their learning as well as develop, establish and maintain the important friendships and social experiences they value so much. Your child should attend school unless they are too unwell to do so. It can be tricky sometimes to know if your child is too unwell to attend school or whether they can be in. The NHS provide information on illness and school attendance on their website <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please notify the school office as soon as possible. If we have not been notified, our office staff will make a safeguarding call to find out the reason for your child's absence. Where we are unable to contact parents/carers to find out a reason for absence, we will record the absence as unauthorised. Concerns about an unauthorised absence or number of unauthorised absences may result in our attendance team contacting parents to discuss any issues that are causing a barrier to school attendance and how we can support families to resolve them.

Term time leave of absence request

As of this September, there is updated legislation on school attendance set out in the 2024 attendance regulations and this legislation is reflected in updated statutory guidance from the DFE (Working Together to improve school attendance) which schools must follow. The updates include several significant changes for parents to be aware of. Two of the key changes are:

- Schools will now only be able to grant leave for specific circumstances set out in regulation 11 of the 2024 attendance regulations.
- A new national framework for penalty notices issued for poor attendance and unexplained/unauthorised absences. Penalty notices have increased from £80 if paid within 21 days and £180 if paid after 21 days and before 28 days.

We are committed to supporting all of our children and families to establish and maintain high levels of attendance. If you need support with any issues making it harder for your child to attend school, please talk to your child's teacher or contact our office and ask to speak to a member of our attendance team.

Staff Update

We are pleased to welcome several new members to our team who have joined us recently. They are settling in beautifully and have already started to make positive contributions to our school community. We believe that their presence will enhance the learning experience for our pupils.

In addition, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Hana (Year 6 teacher) and Charlotte (Year 3 teacher) on the wonderful news of their pregnancies. All being well, Hana and Charlotte will continue to teach their classes until the Christmas break, ensuring a smooth transition for the students. As we prepare for this change, we will start organising cover arrangements. We understand that you may have questions about the transition, and we will keep parents from Year 6 and Year 3 updated as soon as maternity cover staff are in place.

Punctuality – drop off & pick up

We would like to remind you of the importance of punctuality at the start and end of the school day at Redfield Educate Together.

The school gates open at **8:45am** and close promptly at **8:55am**. We kindly request that parents and carers dropping off younger children at their classrooms do so promptly within this 10-minute window. This ensures a smooth start to the day for all our pupils.

Similarly, at the end of the school day, the gates open at **3:25pm** and close at **3:35pm**. We ask that all children are collected by the time the gates close. We understand that some

children may become anxious if not collected on time, and we aim to avoid any unnecessary worry by encouraging parents and carers to arrive promptly at the end of the day.

All Weather School

Thank you for your feedback regarding our return to being all-weather school. The recent weather has certainly put us to the test!

To help keep your child comfortable during wet weather, we suggest they bring a pair of wellington boots to school. This will allow them to keep their school shoes dry during break times. Children can also bring a change of clothes to keep on their peg in school in case they get wet and need to change. Our staff will also remind children to take their coats out for breaks and to wear them with zips and hoods up.

We understand some parents have concerns about outdoor play in all weather. However, playing outside is beneficial for children's physical health and social skills and helps build resilience. Once our pupil voice groups are active again, we will discuss these benefits with the children.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can ensure a positive experience for our children, whatever the weather!

Mobile phones

As part of our safeguarding measures, mobile phones may only be brought to school by Year 5 and Year 6 children who are walking to or from school independently. This aims to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our students.

Once on school premises, phones must be switched off and handed to the class teacher at the beginning of the day. This procedure is designed to minimise distractions during lessons and to foster an environment conducive to learning.

Additionally, we wish to emphasise that if a child is unable to take the responsibility of managing their mobile phone in accordance with our guidelines, we request that phones be kept at home. The responsibility of managing these devices should be taken seriously, and we appreciate your support in helping instill this sense of responsibility in our children.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter, as your support plays a crucial role in maintaining a safe and productive school environment.

Redfield Educate Together turns 10

To mark 10 years since the official opening of Redfield Educate Together, we will be holding class parties on the afternoon of Friday 20th September. There will be music and games and we are asking families to contribute some party food. Please send a contribution to your child's class of one of the following:

Crisps

Fruit / cucumber / carrots

Biscuits

Squash

Breadsticks / crackers / rice cakes

Cake

Paper plates / paper cups / napkins

***Please ensure that any contributions are nut free.**

Our wonderful Playworker Ren has been busy creating artwork with our children across the school to create a piece that will go in our foyer area to celebrate our 10 year anniversary.

We will be holding more events throughout the year – please keep an eye on our newsletters and Facebook page for updates.

Extracurricular clubs

Clubs for Term1 are now live on Arbor and booking are open until Thursday 19th September. Clubs for Term 2 will be released for booking in the first week of Term 2.

Clubs run from 3:30-4:15pm and children will need to be collected from the main gate on the playground

Term 1 WB 16/9-WB 21/10				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Mindfulness Club KS1 and KS2 Caitlin Hummingbird Class		Chess club KS2 Phelim Small Hall Running Club KS2 Scott Playground	Country Dancing Year 2,3,4 Richenda Small Hall
Term 2 WB 11/10-WB 9/12				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Dance KS2 Steph & Annia Small Hall		Choir (nativity) Y1 and 2 Hannah Shiner Small Hall Boardgames Club KS1 and KS2 Emma Jaguar Class	

Calendar of Events

Our calendar of events for the year is now live on our website for the year. Please find information regarding Land Events, drop in sessions, celebrations etc.

For our parent workshops this year, we would like our parent/carers to have more of a voice in what is covered. Please could you take the time to fill in our quick survey for us to tailor our workshops to what would be beneficial to you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Djfvh5K3zi>

School Nurse

Our School Nurse will be holding drop in sessions for parent/carers to attend on:

Tuesday 8th October 9-10am

Wednesday 4th December 9-10am

Monday 10th February 9-10am



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PLEASE TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
ENERGY YOU BRING TO SCHOOL.

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Your words matter.
Your behaviours matter.
Our pupils, staff, parents/carers
and community matter.

TAKE A SLOW, DEEP BREATH AND
MAKE SURE YOUR ENERGY IS IN
CHECK BEFORE ENTERING
OUR SCHOOL SITE.