

Tuesday 16th July 2024

Dear parent/carers,

SUBJECT: Deputy Headteacher's Letter - July 2024

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the parents/carers of all new pupils who will be joining us in September. Please do get in touch if we can support you in any way. We look forward to helping your child have an exciting and rewarding time at Risedale, where they will make many new friends. I would also like to thank everyone for their support this year. We want to work together to ensure your child leaves Risedale with the best experiences and academic achievements they possibly can.

I would also like to thank all of our staff who have worked exceptionally hard as always to support the entire Risedale Family. As is often the case at the end of the academic year, it is with sadness that we say goodbye to a number of colleagues and friends who move on to new and exciting challenges. Miss Brierley leaves after a remarkable 25 years at Risedale, she will be sorely missed. Mrs Knight and Mr Watkinson will bring energy and enthusiasm to their new roles in new settings, and we wish them all the best. Finally, I know we all send our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Mr Scott. His dedication, passion and commitment to ensuring all children leave Risedale with the best possible future are recognised by all. Finally, I would like to welcome our new Headteacher, Mrs Greenwood. I look forward to working closely with her to ensure a smooth, yet exciting transition, to the next stage in Risedale's chapter.



Arrangements for the Last Day of Term (Friday 19th July 2024)

All Risedale pupils will finish the school day at 1:10pm on the last day of term, Friday 19th July, to allow for staff training and to discuss priorities for the new academic year. All pupils will have lunch at 12:15pm followed by a form period with their tutor from 1pm to 1:10pm. The school bus company and taxis will be notified to collect pupils at this time for their journey home.

Arrangements for the First Day of Term (Wednesday 4th September 2024)

We are excited to welcome all pupils back to school for the new academic year in September! Please note that the term will commence with two staff training days on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September. As a result, the school will be closed to all pupils on these days as all staff will be in training sessions throughout both days.

All pupils should return on **Wednesday 4th September**, however, the first day will have a slightly different start and the arrangements are as follows:

- **Year 7 pupils should arrive at the usual time of 8:20am**, ready for the start of the school day at 8:30am. This will allow us to give them a warm welcome and help them settle in.

- **Pupils in Years 8-11 should arrive at 10am.** They will then go to their form rooms to have time with their tutors.
- The school bus and taxis will run at their normal times, so any pupils who use these services will need to travel at their usual time. Therefore, any pupils in Years 8-11 who will be arriving early due to travelling by bus/taxi will be supervised by staff until their day starts at 10am.

If you have any questions regarding these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the school before we break up for the summer holidays.

The School Day

A reminder that the school day STARTS at 8.30am and all pupils should be in registration by this time. The gates open by 8.20am, and pupils should be entering at the latest by 8.25am to ensure they are on time.

We will maintain our relentless focus on punctuality in the new academic year, and a pupil will be marked as late if they are not in registration by 8.30am. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Website Link >> [Times of the Day](#)

Uniform Information

We expect all pupils to be in full and correct uniform at all times. There will be a relentless focus on this in the new academic year. In particular, pupils should be wearing a tie and a blazer at all times unless told otherwise.

For information and guidance on purchasing Risedale School uniform please visit our dedicated [Uniform](#) website page.

IMPORTANT: To guarantee delivery for September 2024, please order all school uniform online at [SchoolShop](#) before Monday 29th July.

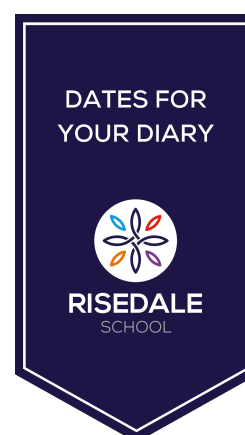


Website Link >> [Uniform](#)

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 22 August	GCSE Results Day
Monday 2 September	Training Day 1
Tuesday 3 September	Training Day 2
Wednesday 4 September	Start of Autumn Term 1 (pupils return)
Monday 16 September	Y7 & 10 School Photographs
Wednesday 25 September	Y6 Open Evening (6pm-8pm)
Thursday 14 October	Y10 Parents' Evening
28 Oct - 1 Nov	Half-Term Holiday

Website Link >> [Calendar & Term Dates](#)



I trust you all have a safe, and enjoyable summer holiday.

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Yours sincerely,

Mr James Yates

Deputy Headteacher

Community Messages from External Providers

Autism Central

Autism Central is a free programme commissioned by the NHS which provides high-quality and accessible autism information, education and coaching for families and carers. The programme is delivered by Daisy Chain in the North East and Yorkshire.

As well as group and individual coaching and support, Daisy Chain provides regular online and in-person learning opportunities and support sessions covering a variety of topics relating to autism.

All online sessions are FREE and open to families living in the North East and Yorkshire NHS region.

>> To access the Virtual Support Sessions please visit [Virtual Support Sessions - AC - Daisy Chain](#)



Influence Church School Uniform Event

Save money and embrace sustainability!

Influence Church in Richmond is hosting a FREE Second-Hand Uniform Event on Wednesday 14th August 2024.

Find gently-used uniforms perfect for your child's upcoming school year, all at no cost! This event is open to everyone in the community – not just families needing financial assistance.

Recycle and Reuse! Influence Church is passionate about reducing waste and promoting sustainability. This event provides a fantastic opportunity to give pre-loved uniforms a new life and find affordable options for your growing child.

Event Details:

- **Location:** Influence Church, Richmond
- **Date:** Wednesday 14th August 2024, 2pm till 4pm.

Donate Your Uniforms! Help out your fellow parents by donating gently-used uniforms. The donation bin will be located outside Influence Church every Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 4pm, right up until the event day.

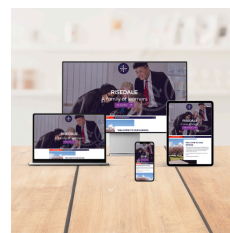
Spread the Word! Let your friends and family know about this amazing opportunity to save money and support a sustainable cause.



General Reminders for Risedale School

School Website

It is recommended that all parents familiarise themselves with the school's website www.risedale.org.uk. There you can find lots of important information such as [calendar and term dates](#), [letters to parents](#), [uniform](#), [policies](#), [exam information](#), [wellbeing](#) and our [latest news](#) to name but a few.



Uniform

At Risedale, we take great pride in our school uniform and strive to make it as affordable as possible by limiting the number of branded items we offer. Our website provides guidance on the [Uniform](#) policy, which is an integral part of our school's identity. It is mandatory for all pupils to wear the correct uniform at all times. If you have any questions or concerns about the uniform, please contact your child's form tutor as the primary point of contact.



Online Parental Engagement

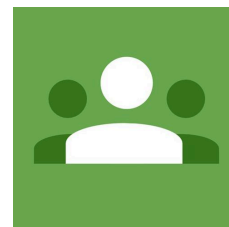
[MyChildAtSchool \(MCAS\)](#) is an online portal for parents that enables you to view your child's performance at school in real-time via the web. **Please check MCAS regularly** as this facility allows you to access your child's timetable, attendance, behaviour and reports whenever you wish to see the latest available information. Parents can access MCAS via the website or can use the MCAS App which can be downloaded from the app/play store.



When your child joins Risedale you will be sent details to allow you to access your account. If you have forgotten your Parent Login details click [HERE](#).

Google Classroom Parent Alerts

Parents can receive email summaries showing their child's progress in Google Classroom. To become a 'Google Guardian' simply complete this form ['Google Classroom Summary Alerts'](#) and our IT team will set this up for you.



Equipment and Chromebooks

Please ensure your child has everything they need for school to start the day positively and be prepared to learn.

- Chromebook fully charged and in its protective case.
- A pencil case containing the following:
A **black biro**, **red biro** and **blue biro**, pencil, ruler and eraser to enable pupils to take pride in their presentation (P.R.O.U.D) and earn Epraise points.
- PE kit (on the timetabled day).
- Reading book (KS3 only).
- Art doodle book (KS3 only, on the timetabled day).

P	Write in PEN : black for writing, red for <u>underlining</u> and blue for DIRT	 Always be PROUD of your work
R	Use a RULER for all tables, grids and graphs	
O	OOPS! Draw a single line with a ruler through <u>mistakes</u>	
U	UNDERLINE titles etc. with a red pen and a ruler	
D	Only use a pencil to DRAW with	