



Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

SUBJECT: Welcome Back and Expectations

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer. I am delighted to welcome you back for what promises to be an exciting year at Risedale School, as we look to provide each and every pupil here at Risedale School with the rich and personalised learning experience that they all deserve.

Important Reminder about the First Day:

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 to start registration by 10am**. They will 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.
- **All pupils should be in full uniform** (see below). Any pupil not in full and correct uniform will be immediately supported by our Student Support Department to sort out any issues before going to their registration period. We expect full compliance with this.

Important Reminders and Expectations:

The School Day and Punctuality

A reminder that the normal 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 be maintaining our relentless focus on punctuality, and we also expect all pupils to be punctual to their lessons to minimise disruption to learning. Please let the office know if there is ever an exceptional circumstance which has led to your child being late.

Uniform

We kindly ask parents not to put staff in the difficult position of sending their child to school in items of clothing that are not part of our uniform policy. We expect all pupils to be in full and correct uniform at all times. There will be a relentless and consistent focus on this moving forward, as explained in the letter sent out in July. Pupils should wear...

- A school blazer and house tie to be worn at all times unless told otherwise.
- A formal white shirt or blouse.
- Trousers must be plain black and full-length to the shoes. **Leggings are not allowed.**
- Skirts must be of an appropriate length.
- An optional plain black jumper may be worn under the blazer. No logos should be visible. **No hoodies are to be worn on the school site** - this includes playgrounds.





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- Coats, if worn, must be worn over the top of the blazer. No outdoor coats to be worn inside the school building.
- Shoes must be plain black.

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

Any pupil not wearing appropriate uniform will be immediately supported to make the right choice, prior to resuming their learning. An appropriate alternative item of clothing will be offered by our Student Support Department where possible. Contact home will be made to help remedy the situation where necessary. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Please contact the school should you have any difficulty in purchasing specific items of uniform and we will do all we can to help. We will never allow any pupil to be disadvantaged by circumstance and will always do all we can to support families in particular need during the current economic situation.

Equipment

Please ensure your child has all the equipment they need to start the day positively and be prepared to learn. [>> Equipment List](#).

- New pupils will be issued their Chromebooks on their first day of school. If you haven't already done so please complete the [Risedale Chromebook Agreement](#).
- **Please remind your child to charge their Chromebook every night and bring it to school in its protective case.**

Thank you for your ongoing support, please do get in touch if we can be of any assistance,

Yours sincerely,

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