

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Dear parent/carer,

SUBJECT: Headteacher's Letter- September 2023

Welcome to the first Headteacher's letter of the new academic year! I hope you have had a restful summer holiday. We are looking forward to welcoming our pupils back tomorrow and arrangements for the first day can be found below.

To our new pupils and parents, we are thrilled to have you join the Risedale Family. We hope your child will feel at home and have a great experience with us.

Arrangements for the First Day of Term (Wednesday 6th September 2023)



All pupils should return on **Wednesday 6th 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 assembly in the main hall and then to their form rooms to have time with their tutors.
- The school bus and taxis will run at their normal times, so any pupils that 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.

Communications

We value a positive partnership between home and school. We appreciate the importance of effective and timely communication and try not to bombard parents with too many emails. Our **Headteacher Letters** contain important information about what is happening in the school and our half-termly **[KIT Newsletters](#)** celebrate the achievements of our young people both inside and outside of school. If you have any good news stories about your child's accomplishments we encourage you to share them with us. You can send them to news@risedale.org.uk or contact your child's form tutor.

School Website

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

MCAS Parent Portal - 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](#).

Uniform Information and Reminders

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. **Please be aware that tracksuit bottoms and leggings are not part of the uniform. Plain black footwear is acceptable.** If you have any questions or concerns about the uniform, please contact your child's form tutor as the primary point of contact.

Equipment and Chromebooks

Please ensure that your child is equipped with a pencil case, their fully charged Chromebook in its protective case, and their PE Kit on the timetabled day. **Please remind your child to charge their Chromebook for the first day of school.**

Upcoming Risedale Family Coffee Events

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For parents/carers of our new Year 7 pupils

Thursday 28th September

10:30am - 12pm or 6pm - 7:30pm



We would like to welcome our Risedale parents to a series of planned coffee forums held across the school year. The first forum will be for parents of our new Year 7 pupils and we will have two sessions on Thursday 28th September; the first session at 10.30am - 12pm and then a later session at 6pm - 7.30pm. We hope this will be a fantastic opportunity to meet other parents in an informal setting in school, get to know one another and talk about school life. The sessions will be run by teachers Emma Blatch, Catherine Davies, SENCo Stacey Burke and our School Counsellor Lisa Smith. If you would like to come along please complete the [Google Form](#) by Friday 22nd September or email Lisa directly at Smith.L@risedale.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you there.

I wish you all a fantastic start to the new academic year and look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Colin D. Scott
Headteacher

