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Dear Parents/Carers,



HAPPY NEW YEAR: First of all - & behalf of the whole team at Rivington... I just want to wish you all a **very happy, healthy and successful 2022.** We hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas and enjoyed the break with your loved ones. As always, the children have settled back into school well and we are looking forward to an exciting term ahead. A huge thank you also for all the lovely gifts which staff received before Christmas. You are very kind.



Happy Birthday to: **Freya (Y5), Riley W (Y4).**

This Terms Core Value: Learning to Listen:



Covid – 19 Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19: (Please refer to letter sent home on Tuesday for more information). People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time. If a pupil lives in a household where there is a positive case of COVID-19, parents should arrange for a PCR test as soon as possible. If the PCR test is negative and your child is well, they can return to school immediately. As a close contact of someone with COVID-19, they should take an LFD test every day for seven days.

The government guidance can be found by clicking on the link below:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-householdswithpossible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection

Looking at the data over the Christmas period, this term will probably continue to remain challenging both for our families and the school. As always, we will keep you updated and communicate any amendments to the operation of school to you. Thank you for your continued support.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSSIONS - The closing date for Primary School Admissions is 15th January 2022. Supplementary forms need to be returned to school. For information about our admissions criteria please visit the school website.



SNOW CLOSURES

The staff at Rivington work hard to ensure the school is open every day. However we do have to prepare for the possibility of snow disruption during the winter months.

Our key objective during the worst weather conditions is to open school on a site that is safe and adequately staffed. When we experience ice or snow our first priority is to assess whether we can make the site safe enough for adults and

children.

Although we keep up-to-date with forecasts and weather warnings, some snow and ice conditions can be quite localised. What appears to be 'slushy' snow at school can be compacted very quickly on frozen ground when children are walking on it, or there may be severe snow around school but little where you live.

When there is a possibility that school may not be able to open we will assess the following criteria:

- Can the site be made safe?
- Will we have sufficient staff to meet appropriate adult:child ratios?
- Can we provide meals at lunchtime?

If you wish to find out whether the school is open or not on a day when the weather is bad, please tune in to **Radio Lancashire** or **Rock FM** where information will be broadcast. Alternatively you can visit the [Rivington website](#), see Teachers to Parents communication, Seesaw and the Rivington Mums and Dads Facebook page for closure information.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT CLOSING A SCHOOL IS NEVER A DECISION THAT IS TAKEN LIGHTLY; WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO STAY OPEN.



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What Parents Need to Know – Fornite Chapter

3: First released in 2017, Fortnite has become one of the most popular games in the world. It currently has around 350 million registered players. Developed by Epic Games, it began life exclusively as a 'battle royale' contest, where up to 100 online player characters would fight – with weaponry including rifles, handguns and rocket

launchers – to be the last one standing. Today, it features multiple modes which each offer something different (although some modes, such as 'Save the World', are only available on certain platforms).

In the guide attached, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as scams, in-app purchases and user-controlled content.

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What Parents Need to Know – Setting Up New Devices for Children: Over Christmas, millions of lucky children will have been excitedly ripping the wrapping off new phones, tablets, computers or consoles. However, in the rush to let young ones enjoy their shiny gadgets, parents can forget to set these devices up safely – increasing the chances of children going online and stumbling across adult content, making expensive downloads or installing unsuitable apps. A little time configuring the device properly can save a lot of anguish later. Attached is the National Online Safety's top tips to ensure that a dream gift on Christmas morning doesn't turn into a nightmare in the New Year.

In the guide attached, you'll find tips such as adjusting the screen time settings, setting windows limits and installing Xbox family settings.

Vomiting and Diarrhoea: Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should not attend school until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped and they are well enough to return. If medication is prescribed, ensure that the full course is completed and there is no further diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours after the course is completed.

Reminder: **Fruit ONLY Snacks/NUT ALLERGY** - As we are a healthy school and we are educating and promoting healthy lifestyles to our children, fruit and vegetable only snacks are allowed for break times from September. **Please could you also ensure that your child does not bring any food into school that CONTAINS NUTS as we do have a child with a nut allergy in school.** Thank you for your cooperation.



Young Voices: PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL LETTER SENT TO Y3,4,5 and 6. Due to Covid, The YV concert planned for the 9th February 2022 has been postponed until later in the spring or summer term. Tuesday morning practice will be place on hold until we have further information so that staff can carry out other clubs or booster sessions. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - APPLICATIONS

REMINDER - The closing date for Primary School Admissions is

15th January 2022. For information about our admissions criteria please visit the school website.

Applications can be made online and you should clearly state 3 preferences for your child. To apply for your child's place online please click on the link below. Supplementary forms need to be returned to school. <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

Labelling Uniform: Please could you ensure that ALL of your child's school uniform is clearly labelled including school shoes and school pumps. Thank you.

Free School Meals - How to claim:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all qualify for a free school meal (Universal Infant Free School Meal) worth up to £418 per year, per child; you do not need to apply for this.

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Year 3 and above

For school pupils in Year 3 and above they could qualify for a free school meal if you receive:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

To apply, you should contact your [Area Education Office](#). You will be required to provide your:

- Name
- Date of birth
- National Insurance Number

If you get any of the [qualifying benefits](#), your child's school can get extra funding called pupil premium if you [register](#) with Lancashire County Council. More information can be found on Lancashire County Council's [free school meals page](#).

Contacting school: 01204 696951 bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk or head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk

Best Wishes,

The Rivington Team

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Dates for Your Diary:

Date	Event
Friday 21 st January	Y5/6 Assembly
Wednesday 2 nd February	Governors Visits to School
Friday 4 th February	Sponsored Event for all pupils
Tuesday 8 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 4 th March	World Book Day
Monday 14 th March	Full Governors
Friday 25 th March	Y3/4 Class Assembly
Wednesday 30 th March	Egg Rolling and Easter Parades
Friday 1 st April	School Closes for Easter Break
Tuesday 19 th April	School re-opens for the Summer Term