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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well. Please read on for the latest updates at RPS.

### **Dates**

All important upcoming dates for the term will be published on the calendar on the school website. Please can we ask our parents to keep an eye on this to keep up to date with any additions.

### **Curriculum**

- **Curriculum content information for parents**

Termly Learning Overviews for each class have been updated for the Spring Term and are published on the school website under the Curriculum tab.

Remote Learning Plans have been updated for the Spring Term and are published on the school website under the Remote Learning tab. These are only required for parental reference if our child is required to have sustained period of absence from school eg COVID isolation.

- **Reading support**

We are very pleased to have accepted the help of Miss C Flint for three afternoons per week of 1:1 Reading support in school. This provision will be available to selected pupils in Key Stage 2. We are keen to gain some further voluntary support for Key Stage 1. If any parents know of anyone in the community who may be keen to help out, please could they let Mr A know. Thank you.

- **Tutoring**

Mrs Lord and Mrs Russell completed National Tutoring training last term and are now delivering bespoke additional learning sessions to targeted pupils in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. These booster sessions take place before school starts. Parents of pupils invited to attend will have been sent a letter to explain details

- **ASSH PE coaching**

Additional PE coaching as part of the ASSH sport project is being offered to Key Stage 2 pupils again this term. The sessions take place within the school day on four Fridays across the term. The theme this term is 'Inclusive Sports' and includes 'Seated Volleyball', Wheelchair Games and 'Boccia' (a form of bowls)



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### **Uniform**

We are aware that a number of pupils now wear fitness watches to school eg 'Fitbits'. For some pupils these become a distraction during lessons. There is also a chance that the watches could become either lost or damaged at school. For all of the above reasons, please can we ask that pupils do not wear any fitness or digitally interactive watches to school from now on. This school stance matches that of other schools within the locality. Many thanks for your understanding and support with this.

### **Parent Governor role**

Please can we draw parent attention to this opportunity again. RPS has a vacancy for a parent governor which we are very keen to fill. If any parent is considering this role and would like more information, please do feel free to contact Mr A directly – he will be very happy to spend some time discussing the role.

In the meantime, please can we just re-emphasise the importance of this role. Effective governance relies upon a full range of governors to broaden and strengthen our school leadership. Strong parental voice is a part of this. RPS is expecting an OFSTED inspection before the end of this school year, and we are keen to demonstrate our strengths in every aspect.

The role of parent governor offers a deep and fascinating insight into school leadership and all elements of staffing, provision and operation. Please do step forward if you are considering the role. Thank you sincerely.

### **COVID management**

On Friday COVID isolation guidance was updated further.

- From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January, in England, people who test positive for COVID will be able to leave self-isolation after a further full five days.
- Leaving isolation will be subject to two negative LFT results, 24 hours apart.
- The day symptoms begin or a test is positive is day zero. The next day is day 1 of the isolation period.
- People in isolation can take an LFT on day 5. Early morning is recommended.
- Assuming the first LFT is negative, people should then take a second LFT 24hrs later.
- Assuming the 2<sup>nd</sup> test is negative and the person doesn't have a temperature, they can end isolation immediately.

Thank you for your on-going support in all matters.

Kind regards

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