



Rawthorpe Junior School  
Autumn term 2018/19

### **Important information regarding school dinners.**

After October half term there will be some changes to school dinners. Children will now need to decide on Monday whether they would like school dinners or packed lunches for the week – they can no longer alter on a day to day basis, similar to the procedure at the Infant School.

If your child chooses to be on school dinners then £11.00 dinner money must be paid on Monday morning for the week unless your child is eligible for free school meals.

Your child can choose each Monday morning if they would like school dinners or sandwiches, but they **must** remain on this option all week. The teacher will ask children on Monday morning what option they are having for the week (dinners or packed lunches)

The only exception to this is on themed day dinners, when we will invite all children to have a school dinner that day if they wish to.

In addition, we are launching an exciting new menu from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, we have attached a copy to help you and your child decide whether they wish to have school dinners or packed lunches for the week.

### **School Reception**

We understand that phone calls to the school office can often happen when parents and carers are worried, upset or feeling emotional about something. Please be reminded that our office staff will always deal with your call as quickly as possible and will direct you to the right member of staff. Please be mindful of this to ensure that you speak to them respectfully.

### **Messages**

Should you need to pass on an urgent message to your child regarding travel arrangements please ensure you phone the school office as early as possible in the day. We are taking an increasing number of calls towards the end of a school day, this is a busy time and it is not always possible to deliver these messages in time to your child.

### **PE Kits**

PE is a statutory National Curriculum subject and all children are required to take part. Children are aware of their PE days and need a PE kit to ensure they can take part. Children are provided with a house colour t-shirt (replacements can be purchased for £5 from the school office). We also have spare PE kit for children who have forgotten their kit. Please check your child's PE days - some children bring their kit on a Monday and take home Friday to help them be prepared for the week.

### Breakfast club and school opening times

A free breakfast club supported by Huddersfield Town Football Club is open to all children from 8:00am. We would expect children to arrive a few minutes before and wait outside school main reception. Breakfast club will take children between 8:00 and 8:15. The school playground is not supervised by staff until 8:40am. Some children are arriving onto the playground after 8:00 but are not attending breakfast club – this is too early and is a long time for children to be on site and unsupervised.

### Walking home

We have two teachers who walk along Rawthorpe Lane at the end of the day to help support the behaviour and safety of our pupils. We have many lessons and assemblies about road safety and being safe in our community and we also discuss anti-social behaviour and the impact on us all. Most of our children are exceptional members of our community but sometimes we have individuals who forget our expectations. Please take time to talk with your child about keeping safe and behaving respectfully.

### School dates

Last day of half term	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Return to school	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
School closed 2 days – teacher training	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November and Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018
Return to school	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Last day of Autumn term	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018 – school closes at 1pm
Spring term starts	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 (Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> is a teacher training day)