

'A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together'

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Dear Parents / carers

I hope everyone has had a fantastic summer and enjoyed time with family and friends. Welcome back to the start of the autumn term and a new school year. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school tomorrow and hearing all about your summer adventures.

Summer has decided to return this week so please can all children have water bottles and sun cream applied as we will be outside during the school day.

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and it's used in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete, because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DFE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

I wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal.

Whilst this information was shared at the end of last term, I wanted to reiterate some reminders for the new school year.

When will my child return to school?

All children will return to school in the autumn term. Term will begin on **Tuesday 5th September**. All children will return to school on this day and attendance at school is mandatory.

Please remember that our new start time will come into effect on this day. Gates will open at 8.30am with all children in school and registered by 8.45am. The school day will end for all at 3.15pm.

New reception starters are welcome to come to school from 8.30am especially if they have siblings already in school. We will though be allowing them a less busy entrance from 8.45am up the main drive where they will be greeted by the reception staff and the opportunity to have their photo taken on their first day.

What will my children wear?

All children need to return to school in their full school uniform from September. If children wish to come back in summer uniform this is permissible until October half term. On the days that your child has PE, we are asking that they continue to come to school in the morning in their full PE kit. They do not have to bring their school uniform with them as they will remain in their PE kits all day. Black jogging bottoms may be more advisable particularly as the weather changes further into the term as PE lessons will take place outdoors and the black PE hoody may also be worn on these days only.

Please see below the planned days on which your child will be taking part in activities such as PE or Forest school and so therefore uniform will not be required on these days. Children can continue to attend school in PE kit on PE days, old clothes are required for Forest school and a letter will be sent out in the new academic year with further details.



	PE	Forest school
Monday	Year 3, Year 4	
Tuesday	Year 5	
Wednesday	Year 2, Year 5, Year 6, Reception and Year 1	
Thursday	Year 1, Year 4, Year 3, Year 6, Year 2	Year 2, Reception
Friday		

Bunbury Badgers

Bunbury Badgers will continue to operate in the autumn term in the mobile classroom. We will open for before and after school care from 7.45am and after school till 6pm.

What arrangements are in place for the start and end of the school day?

Gates will be open from **8.30 – 8.45am**. We ask that children are not brought to the site any earlier as there will be no supervision from any staff member. Any children who are dropped off before this time will be taken to Bunbury Badgers and an invoice will be sent home for any acquired hours of care.

When dropping off we are asking parents to continue to do this promptly as the children will continue to go straight into the classroom and not play on the playground before school. We have found that this has been a much calmer start to the school day and therefore beneficial to focusing the children ready for their learning.

As I have said in many of my communications over the past few years – our school is reliant upon children being in the building, making relationships and working together. Our Bunbury school family has grown from strength to strength during this time and I will continue to ensure that all our children are enabled to *'live life in all its fullness'* John 10:10 through the work we carry out in school during this new academic year.

We look forward to seeing everyone back safely in school tomorrow.
Have a lovely evening

Best wishes



Nic Badger
School Principal & Executive Headteacher for RCSAT