



Friday 9th August 2019

Dear Parents

Build Delays

As you can see from the Build Update attached, Interserve have been working incredibly hard to finish our beautiful school building. When complete, the building will be fantastic and will provide a wonderful learning environment for the children.

Timescales have been tight throughout the building process and Interserve have done a great job under challenging circumstances, not least pallets of bricks being stolen from the site and the company providing all the furniture, fittings and equipment going into receivership. Unfortunately, there are now a few items which it will not be possible to close off before the start of term. It is important that the building is completely safe. Delaying our move back will also ensure that the building continues to be completed to the highest possible standard and not rushed at the last minute.

At the moment Interserve believe it is possible to have the building ready to handover by Friday 20th September. This date is provisional and will be reviewed before the end of August. If this new target completion date is reached as hoped, this will mean as little as 8 school days at Riverside before we are able to move back:

September 2019				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9	10	11	12	13
Holidays	School at Riverside	School at Riverside	School at Riverside	School at Riverside
16	17	18	19	20
School at Riverside	School at Riverside	School at Riverside	School at Riverside	Whole school trip to Science Museum Furniture moves back to Braywick
23	24	25	26	27
Hopefully, school will be back at Braywick. This will be reviewed and confirmed at the end of August.				

We are aware that this has logistical implications for our families, so the information below explains how this will work.

Timings of the school day

7.30-8.15am	Early Birds
8.15-8.50am	Children can arrive directly at school or by school bus, with no charge to parents
8.50am	Lessons will start promptly, so children must be in school by 8.50am
3.10-3.20pm	Children can be collected from school or returned on the school bus, with no charge to parents
3.20-6pm	Extended Care

Getting to and from school

Option	Drop off time	Pick up time	Where to park
Extended Care	7.30-8.15am	3.20-6pm	Children's Centre car park
Direct to/from school	8.15-8.50am	3.10-3.20pm	Nearby residential road Or short walk from Magnet Leisure Centre car park Please do not use the Children's Centre car park
School bus	Bus 1 8.10am Bus 2 8.20am	Approximately 3.35-3.40pm	Braywick Sports Ground, car park in front of Stafferton Lodge

Teaching and Learning

Teachers have prepared for this delay, so lessons will continue for the children as normal, there will be little to no impact to our educational provision.

School lunches

We will not be able to provide hot lunches as we will not have a hall space. Caterlink have been very accommodating and will be able to provide cold lunches for those children who would like them. As usual these will be government funded for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 and chargeable for Years 3-5.

Lunches will be eaten outside if the weather is good enough and in classrooms if it is not.

Extended Care

Early Birds and Evening Owls will run as normal.

Unfortunately, we are unable to run clubs, which were scheduled to start on Monday 16th September, but the children will be provided with lots of fun and exciting activities.

If you had booked after school clubs, we will organise refunds.

We also refund anyone who had paid for Early Birds from 8.15am as this will be free at the temporary site.

Making/changing bookings

We will email you again week commencing 2nd September and let you know the procedure for making or changing any of your existing bookings. This will include the school bus and Extended Care. Please don't worry, there will be enough space for everyone.

School Trip on Friday 20th September

On Friday 20th September, Chandlers Removals are scheduled to move the furniture from Riverside to Braywick. This means that we will not be able to access either building on this date.

We have booked a fun and educational day for the whole school to the Science Museum. There will be no charge to parents for this trip and it will allow us to avoid any further enforced closure.

Coaches will collect and return the children to and from Braywick Sports Ground, following the normal school timings. Each class has been booked to complete a workshop which links to their Science topic.

More information will be sent about this nearer the time, including how to let us know if you are able to come and help on the trip.

What to bring to school

Children should come into school in full uniform as usual.

Please provide them with a backpack. There will be no lockers so children will need to keep all their equipment in their backpack on the back of their chair. This does not have to be a school rucksack.

PE will continue as normal. Please send your child to school in PE kit on their PE days:

Redwood	Monday	Friday
Sycamore	Monday	Thursday
Oak	Wednesday	Friday
Willow	Monday	Tuesday
Birch	Tuesday	Wednesday
Maple	Wednesday	Friday

Cold lunch will be provided at school, but you may choose to send your child with a packed lunch if you wish.

Viewing the new building

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to show you around the building on Monday 9th September as previously planned and the children will not be able to visit the building again until the day school starts there.

On our first day at Braywick (hopefully Monday 23rd September) families will be welcomed into school at the beginning and end of the school day to have a look around and activities will be run for the children to help familiarise them with the building before formal lessons start.

Any more questions?

If you have further queries which have not been answered here, we will be running a drop in session for parents in Treetops at Riverside on 21st August 6-7pm. You can park in the Children's Centre and access the building through the school gate and through the playground as usual.

We will be available to answer any queries, along with members of our Local Advisory Board (LAB). Miss Colebeck will also be available to answer any queries specifically regarding our new Redwood Class children.

Please email any queries through to Victoria Morris, Vice Chair of our LAB, in advance of the meeting:

victoria.morris2312@gmail.com

Victoria has kindly agreed to collate these, meaning that we will be able to have an answer ready for you at the meeting. We will document and circulate minutes after the meeting, so please don't worry if you are unable to attend in person.

We will update you again before the end of August, once the build program has been reviewed again.

Thanks as always for your understanding and patience. It will be worth it in the end!

Yours sincerely



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Head Teacher



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