



Lydgate Junior School

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Dear parents,

It has been a joy to welcome all your wonderful children back into school this week. The children have done well remembering and learning all the new routines of school. It is fantastic that we can now have our assemblies back in the hall and this week and next week Mrs Hurding is doing separate assemblies for each year group.

RIP HRH Queen II

Such sad news that the Queen has died and we wish her family comfort during this tricky time. We are now in a 10 day period of National Mourning and the information last night from the DFE said that all schools will stay open.

We have enabled the children to have an opportunity to talk today if they need to within class. Next week our assemblies will focus on the Queen and her loyalty and commitment to her role.

New Headteacher

My name is Mrs Rachel Hurding and I'm delighted to be your new Headteacher.

I have lived nearly all my adult life in Walkley and Crookes and was the Deputy Headteacher of Lydgate Infant school from 2007 - 2015, it feels a real privilege to be coming back home to Lydgate.

I started life in Bristol and went to Manchester University to study History of Art, before training to be a teacher at Sheffield Hallam University and have been teaching since 1995. My first teaching job was at Totley all Saints Primary school then I was at Longley Primary (now known as Pathways) before moving to Lydgate Infant school and then Acres Hill Primary. For the last six years I have been the Headteacher at The Ellis C of E Primary school, Hemingfield, Barnsley. I am so proud of the school it has become, it is a rich, vibrant, inclusive learning environment with the children at the heart of everything we do.

I am looking forward to getting to know all the Lydgate families and taking Lydgate Junior through its next stage of development.

I have been working with the staff team and we have established our school priorities for the year.





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School priorities for 2022 to 2023

Priority 1

The Quality of Education

- Writing and handwriting is consistently taught to enable standards to improve and to increase greater depth writers
- Phonics is consistently high quality using 'Little Wandle' to enable all children to become fluent readers
- Lydgate offers a progressive curriculum that gives life experience and enables all children to access all subjects

Priority 2

Behaviour and attitudes

- **Review and update behaviour policy link to RRS and Thrive approach with clear learning behaviours and expectations**
 - Consistent use of CPOMS and children's plans so all know how to support
 - High expectations from all adults children to be ready to learn
 - Adults are curious and engage and support all children
 - Children and adults are supported and encouraged to be 'Rights Respecting'

Priority 3

Personal development

- **Designated mental health lead – develop a whole school approach to promote mental health and well-being**
 - Thrive is introduced to support all children and help adults to understand
 - Well Being @work – the well-being of all is intrinsic to schools values
 - Inclusive school – all children are offered rich opportunities
 - Forest school accessed by all children and impacts on learning behaviours

Priority 4

Leadership and management

- All leaders are working to improve outcomes across school for all groups of children – combined score increases
- All leaders are ensuring that Lydgate's Curriculum- intent and implementation is embedded consistently across school
- Communication at all levels enables all to feel included and supports all to help improve school
- All leaders are ensuring that Lydgate's Curriculum and vision is shared by all and consistently taught





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Communication

As part of improving our communication we have set up a school FACEBOOK page. It is called '**Lydgate Junior school**'. If you have and use Facebook please follow us.

When we have organised social media permissions we will put on photos of children's learning as well as use the Facebook page for key communication.

Safety /Timings

Thank you for your patience at the end of the day waiting for our children to inform the school adult that they have seen their home adult who is collecting them. If a child comes to you that you are not collecting please can you help us by returning them to the adults that are on the gate.

Thank you for your support in getting your children to school on time. The start of school is 8.45am. We open the gates at 8.35am to enable the children to have a swift start. We know the signs say that the gates are open until 8.55am, however we are wanting children to get into school to start their learning straight away. The gates will be closing at 8.50am, we will sort changing the signs and update post covid. If children are late they need to come to the Shore lane entrance and come to the main office.

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs Hurding

Headteacher

