



Rayner Stephens

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Dear Families,

We are really looking forward to welcoming our New Year 7 learners to Rayner Stephens for their dedicated induction day on Friday. This letter provides some final reminders about the day which are detailed below.

Start time, arrival, and end of day

Learners will need to **arrive at school by 8:40am**. When they arrive, staff will be on duty in the car park and entrance area to help guide learners the entrance. For the transition day, all of year 7 will **enter the school through the canteen door which is next to the main school reception door**. Again, staff will be on duty at this entrance in Hi-Viz coats to help support their arrival.

The day will end at 2:55pm and learners will **exit the school through the student entrance door** which is situated over to the right hand side of the main reception door, inside the fenced off, grass area. This student entrance will be the entrance and exit that year 7 will use from Monday.

Consent for testing

If your child has attended school on Thursday 2nd of September for their first lateral flow test then they will not need to be tested on the transition day. If however, your child did not attend the testing day we will need to carry out their first test on Friday morning when they arrive at school.

In order for us to be able to carry out the LFT, you will need to complete a consent form. This is accessible through this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/EGbHbAZ3L7>

A member of staff will contact you on Friday morning if we have not received a consent form to check if we have your consent before any tests are carried out. If you do not wish to give your consent for your child to be tested then please contact the school before Friday morning to let us know.

Break and lunchtimes

Food and drink will be provided to all year 7 during their transition day for break time and lunch. You can however send your child with additional food and drink if you wish to. During the transition day we will carry out the bio-metric administration which will allow your child to access their lunch account in school. Once this is set up you will be able to top up their account through the School Gateway app. Details of how to download this app are below.

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Face coverings

The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law, but experts are recommending that face coverings are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where individuals may come into contact with people they don't normally meet. This includes public and dedicated school transport.

We recognise that this change may cause some anxiety to a minority of parents and their child(ren) and have therefore made the decision that it will be a personal choice as to whether learners and staff wear a mask on site for the month of September. The school will continually review this policy in response to government advice and local transmission rates. If necessary, further information will follow at the appropriate time.

Uniform and PE Kit

Learners will need to be in full uniform for the transition day. The full list of required uniform items and the examples of the types of footwear that are allowed and those that are not, is explained in our updated uniform policy which was sent last week and is also available on the website.

Learners will need also need to bring their PE Kit with them in their bag as they will be doing some sports activities as part of the transition day.

Learners are also reminded they must have a school bag and suitable classroom equipment which includes: **Pens, pencil, ruler, rubber and a scientific calculator.**

School Communications System - Introducing School Gateway

We are very excited to be introducing School Gateway to Rayner Stephens – a parent engagement app that will allow you to access parentpay, communicate with the school and view your child's timetable, letters, behaviour, and reports at anytime from anywhere. All school related communication, newsletters, reports, timetables and attendance figures will go through School Gateway from 1st September. To stay up to date with what's going on at school make sure you download the app for free. Just search *School Gateway* in your App store and download.

Apple iPhone users, download the app here: schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload

Android phone users, download the app here: schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload

Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information Rayner Stephens already has, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date. You can check and change these details by sending an email to admin@rshs.aspireplus.org.uk.

If you have any questions or would like some more information, please see the School Gateway site here: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/> You can also login to the online version of School Gateway via this site if you do not have a smart phone, although we do recommend using the app if possible as it makes it far easier to get hold of parents when we need to.

We very much look forward to seeing all year 7 on Friday but in the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school by email on admin@rshs.aspireplus.org.uk or telephone 0161 338 2374.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Davies'.

Mr. M Davies
Head of School