

# Reigate School

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## NEWSLETTER

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### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a lovely summer break. It has been great to welcome the children back into school this week. We have all enjoyed meeting the new Year 7s who came to school for their first day on Wednesday.

We'd like to welcome all the new staff joining us this term:

Miss C Hearn – MFL Teacher  
Mrs C Waddell – Music Teacher  
Miss Willis – Science Teacher  
Miss D Parker – PAC  
Miss F Rickman - PAC  
Miss P Minns - PAC  
Mr T Morrow - PAC  
Mrs C Gregory - PAC  
Mrs C McDonnell-Purbrick - PAC  
Dr R Easterbrook – Teaching Assistant, English  
Mr J Graham – Student Teacher, RE  
Ms G Harber – Student Teacher, Maths  
Miss J Monro – Student Teacher, History  
Mr A Winterbotham – Student Teacher, Science

Details of the new timings for the school day are published below and a list of the extra-curricular activities we will be providing for the Autumn term will be published in next week's newsletter.

During the summer break it was GCSE results day. It was great to see the children from last year's Year 11 and we are hoping to be able to organise a leavers' gathering for them at some point in the future.

Stay safe and well.

Mr Alexander

### SCHOOL DAY – SEPTEMBER 2020

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
8.15 - 8.30	Arrival				
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8.40	Tutor	Tutor	Tutor	Arrival	Arrival
9.00	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1
9.55	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2
10.50 (40 Mins)	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11.30	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3
12.25 (40 Mins)	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1.05	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4
2.00	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5
2.55	Leave				
3.00		Leave	Leave	Tutor	Tutor
3.20				Leave	Leave/Revision

Lessons 1 – 4 are 55 minutes each for all Years

Lesson 5 is 55 minutes for Year 7, 1 hour for Years 8 - 11

This term we will be implementing a new Behaviour and Rewards Policy at Reigate School. The full draft policy is available on the school website under our policies section, and the poster below will be displayed in every classroom summarising the key points. There will be a consultation window with all parents/carers for the new policy. Please may we receive any feedback before Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

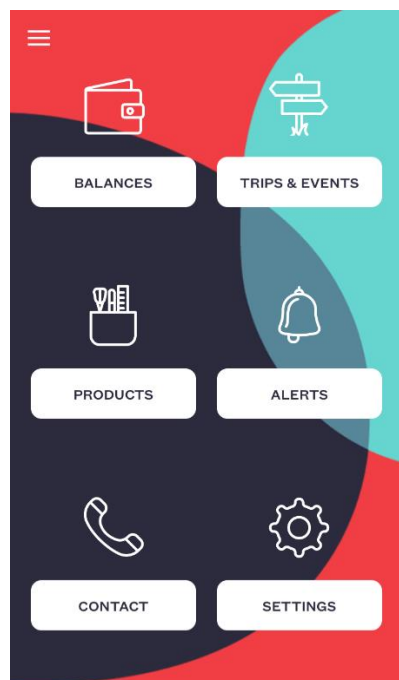
The intention is to give more opportunities for children to be recognised for making good choices, aiming high and working hard. The behaviour and rewards policy will aim to compliment the new Reigate School Values of Respect, Kindness, Resilience, Curiosity & Friendship which were voted for during lockdown, and which we will begin to embed into school this term.



## LUNCH FUNDS


Please may we ask you to ensure that your child has enough funds on their online account to purchase lunch each day or provide them with a packed lunch. To check your child's account balance please log onto Scopay, the online payment system. The children will not currently be able to check their account balance in school using the biometric machines in the canteen.

If you are having trouble accessing the online payment system or require log on details, please contact the school.

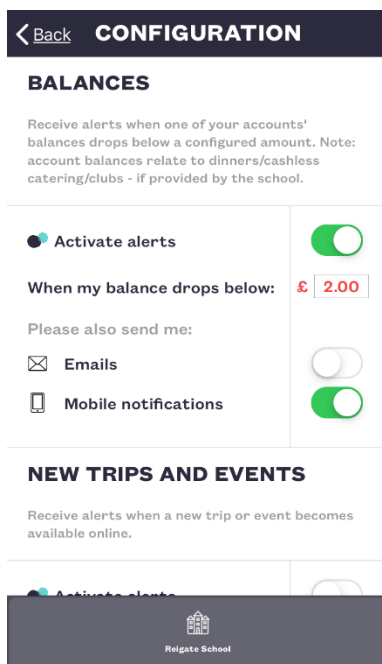


On the Scopay mobile app it is possible to set an alert to notify when the account balance is getting low under the ALERTS section.



In the ALERTS section select  and this will enable alerts to be configured.

Once alerts are activated it is possible to insert a low balance amount and the notifications can be by email or a mobile notification.



## UNIFORM

We have introduced a new pleated skirt for girls as part of the Reigate School uniform. From September girls will now have the choice of whether to wear either the existing straight A-Line skirt or a new pleated skirt. Both styles are acceptable. The new pleated skirt is available to purchase from SWOTS in Reigate.

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## NOTICES

East Surrey College will be holding Open Events over the next academic year, 2020/21.

- ❖ Wednesday 23 September 2020, 17:30 – 20:00
- ❖ Thursday 15 October 2020, 17:30 – 20:00
- ❖ Saturday 14 November 2020, 10:00 – 14:00
- ❖ Wednesday 24 February 2021, 17:30 – 19:30
- ❖ Saturday 12 June 2021, 10:00 – 13:00

For more information on the Open Events please visit the East Surrey College website

<https://www.esc.ac.uk/home>



## NOTICES

For children aged between 11 and 19 there is a ChatHealth Service available provided by the Surrey School Nursing Service.

For more information please visit the website  
<https://childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk/ChatHealth>





# Getting you back to school safely

**METROBUS**

The safety of children returning to school is paramount - our goal is to get them there and back quickly and as safely as possible.

We've put plenty of safety measures in place such as extra cleaning (using hospital grade products) and will continue to operate a comprehensive network of services to get children to and from school, while adding many additional buses to provide extra capacity. We also have six months' experience of providing bus services safely during the pandemic.

Our journeys for schoolchildren are in accordance with the guidance set out by the Department for Education and Department for Transport for dedicated bus journeys. We have worked very closely with the local authorities in all of the areas we serve and with the head teachers of many schools to get children back to school safely.



I hope you find this information useful and good luck with the start of the new term.

Martin Harris,  
Managing Director

## EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

- We are operating a comprehensive service for schoolchildren across our network.
- We are converting a number of regular bus journeys to be available to schoolchildren only, as well as adding extra school buses. Schoolchildren only journeys are open to those aged 18 and under. You can find out more on our website - [metrobus.co.uk/school-travel-information](https://metrobus.co.uk/school-travel-information)
- When travelling to school children should sit in their bubbles. On regular buses children should sit upstairs on double deck buses where possible.
- We highly recommend you get your Child key card from our travel shops at Crawley Bus Station and Redhill Bus Station as soon as possible. As with all shops, capacity is limited in our travel shops and you need to wear a face covering.



## KEEPING YOU SAFE



Buses are cleaned every day with hospital grade cleaning products, plus on street cleaning is carried out up to five times a day directly on our buses.



Everyone must wear a face covering unless they are exempt. Children under 11 are exempt along with people who have certain medical conditions. If you're unsure, visit [metrobus.co.uk/face-covering-guidance](https://metrobus.co.uk/face-covering-guidance). We provide Helping Hand exemption cards to those who would like one.

Over 90% of customers are wearing face coverings but we do ask you to show kindness to those who may not be able to wear one.



We have reduced cash handling to minimise contact and do not offer change. Please consider alternatives to cash such as downloading tickets to your Child key card online or getting tickets loaded onto your phone. Details of all non-cash ways to pay for children's journeys can be found at [metrobus.co.uk/child-ticket-alternatives](https://metrobus.co.uk/child-ticket-alternatives). If you do pay in cash a change voucher will be given which can be used on further journeys.



Drivers' cabs are sealed, so they do not need to wear a face covering. If you are concerned about anything on the bus you can still speak to the driver.



To support social distancing, we have limited capacity on our regular bus services. This is advertised on the side of our buses, by the front door and on our website. The capacity limits do not apply on 'schoolchildren only' services, although the rear facing seats and seats within 2m of the driver will remain closed and there is no standing on any buses.

We will monitor the operation of school journeys very closely and make adjustments where needed. All information relating to safer travel and bus services is available on our website - [metrobus.co.uk](https://metrobus.co.uk)

## WHY GETTING THE BUS IS GOOD FOR EVERYONE

- Reverting to increased numbers in car journeys on the school run will generate greater congestion and impact negatively on local air quality, especially around schools.



- Travelling by bus can lead to improved air quality, helping to keep us healthier. Did you know the average walk to a bus stop in the UK is around 1,000 steps? If you do that five days a week for a year that's over 260 miles - that's the equivalent of walking to Disneyland Paris!



## GET IN TOUCH

We understand that going back to school will be a big change for everyone. All information relating to safer travel and bus services is available on our website - [metrobus.co.uk](https://metrobus.co.uk)



Our customer services team are also available seven days a week to help with any worries or questions you may have.

You can contact them by email, social and telephone.

Email us at [feedback@metrobus.co.uk](mailto:feedback@metrobus.co.uk)  
Telephone us on 01293 449191  
SMS for customers with hearing impairments on 07583 051915

Facebook - @gometrobus  
Twitter - @METROBUS  
Instagram - @metrobusuk

Monday to Friday: 07:00 - 19:00  
Saturdays: 08:30 - 17:30  
Sundays: 09:30 - 16:30

# REBUILDING SURREY'S ROADS

## TACKLING THE ROOT CAUSE OF FAULTS AND POTHOLES

**Advance warning**  
Retaining wall replacement project:  
**A217 Reigate Hill, Reigate**  
**Monday 7 September 2020**  
**For approx. 14 weeks**  
**Road closed Southbound**

**Start date:**  
**Monday 7 September**

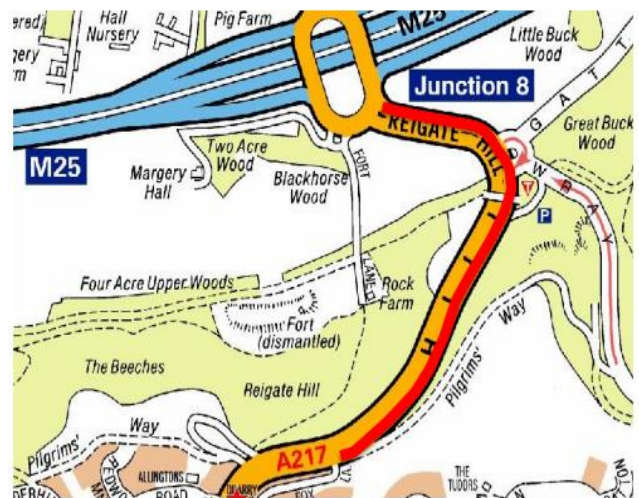
**Duration:**  
**For approx. 14 weeks**  
**Road closed Southbound**

Please look out for advance warning signs on site for any date changes or check [www.a217.today](http://www.a217.today) and @ReigateLC

### What we are doing

We will be repairing the 240m long retaining wall and replacing the vehicle barrier that runs along Reigate Hill.

The existing structure is damaged and no longer fit for purpose. A permanent repair is essential to ensure the A217 remains safe.



Road closure area (Southbound only): ■

### Information for residents and businesses

Reigate Hill, Reigate will be closed Southbound at the exit from the M25 J8 roundabout whilst we carry out our works. A signed diversion route will be in place.

The road will remain open northbound, enabling access to the Hotel and properties along Reigate Hill to be maintained. The Reigate Hill café and car park will remain open and can be accessed via Wray Lane and Gatton Bottom.

The red line indicates the road closure and area we will be working in.





## WE ARE RECRUITING FOSTER CARERS

Sunbeam Fostering Agency is one of the largest and most progressive independent fostering agencies in London and the Midlands, providing good quality and innovated family placements to children in care. Sunbeam is an established Independent Fostering Agency that provides a range of fostering placements to meet the needs of looked after children. The organisation is managed by a team of experienced, qualified professionals who provide an innovative and needs led service to children and young people in foster care.

### Reasons to join Sunbeam

- Competitive Allowance up to **£650** per week per child
- Regular Support Groups
- Excellent ongoing training
- Local offices and centres
- 24-hour 365 days support
- Careful matching process



**020 8799 0930**

Sunbeam House,  
12 Waterside Drive, Langley  
Slough, SL3 6EZ  
[www.sunbeamfostering.com](http://www.sunbeamfostering.com)

### What you need To start becoming a Foster Carer

- A spare bedroom
- Maturity, physical and emotional stamina
- Empathy and ability to nurture children & young people
- Ability to work with professionals

There is a demand of foster carers and currently we are recruiting in your area.



E: [recruitments@sunbeamfostering.com](mailto:recruitments@sunbeamfostering.com)

## CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATIONS

### Childhood Immunisations

There are a number of immunisations that will take place in the new school year starting September 2020.



The vaccination programme is managed by Children and Family Health Surrey who provide a service for children and young people from birth up to 19 years of age.

The immunisation team ONLY use online e-consent where you can book or decline to have your child immunised at school. There are no paper consent forms and consent cannot be given over the phone to school.

Reigate School facilitates the vaccinations and they will take place in school. We will be sending out letters during the new school year that tell you how to book using the e-consent used by the Children and Family Health Immunisation team.

The following immunisations are planned to take place

October 2020:	Year 8s will get their first HPV dose.
March 2021:	Year 9s will get their final teenage booster*.
June 2021:	Year 8s will get their second and final HPV dose
June 2021:	Year 9s will have their second and final HPV dose (missed this year due to school closure)

\* The teenage booster, also known as the 3-1 or the Td/IPV vaccine is given to boost protection against 3 separate diseases, tetanus, diphtheria and polio. Your child will have had vaccinations for this as a baby, aged 3 as a pre-school booster and one final vaccination in year 9. If you think you have missed any of these doses talk to your doctor or practice nurse.

Information on these vaccinations can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-teenage-booster/>

## SAFEGUARDING



Thinkuknow is an education programme from the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command. Since 2006, Thinkuknow has been keeping children and young people safe by providing education about sexual abuse and sexual exploitation. Thinkuknow is unique. It is underpinned by the latest intelligence about child sex offending from CEOP Command. Thinkuknow aims to ensure that everyone has access to this practical information – children, young people, their parents and carers and the professionals who work with them. Alongside the Thinkuknow website the programme provides educational resources, including films, cartoons and lesson plans, to help parent/carers and professionals raise young people's awareness. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

## CAREERS

### CAREERS GUIDANCE

We have a careers section on the school website which contains useful information regarding college open events, up and coming careers events at Reigate School, details regarding apprenticeships and how to search and apply for them along with links to useful websites. There is also a link to a quiz which is fun to take and will give children an idea of what kind of careers will suit their personalities. Go to Academic-Careers or Academic-Option at post 16 for details of local college open events. Below are some other very useful websites which have plenty of information regarding further education, apprenticeships and careers choices plus interview techniques and many other tips.



[www.barclayslifeskills.com](http://www.barclayslifeskills.com)



[www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)



[www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk](http://www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk)



[www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)



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