

December 2023



RIDGEWOOD
SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope that you are all looking forward to the Christmas break. On behalf of the staff and governors we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for the New Year.

The school term will finish at 12.25pm on Friday 22 December.

Return to school in the New Year

Students return to school at the usual time on Monday 8 January. We ask that you continue to support us with our expectations by making sure that your child is prepared and ready to learn.

Below are a few reminders of what we expect:

School Uniform

- Earrings: one pair of small, discreet studs may be worn (earrings must be removed for practical PE lessons).
- Nails: coloured nail polish may be worn (false nails are still prohibited).
- Jumper: if a student is cold, a plain, grey v-necked jumper may be worn under the blazer (this is to be worn in addition to the blazer and not instead of).
- If a student chooses to wear the Ridgewood school skirt this must be worn with black tights.

Punctuality

As we continue to improve punctuality to school, we would like to remind you that students must be in their form room each day by 8.40am. In the event of lateness without a valid reason, students will be issued with a C3. Ridgewood School acknowledges the following as acceptable reasons: prearranged medical appointments, personal emergencies or Local Authority transport issues (which will be verified via Travel South Yorkshire Disruption and Service Updates). Importantly, reasons such as general traffic, commuting issues, or drop-offs at other schools are not considered valid.

Smoking/Vaping

To address the growing concern of vaping amongst students, we have taken proactive measures to prevent this, including the installation of vape-sensitive detectors in our school toilets. These detectors will promptly alert staff to any instances of vaping on site, allowing for immediate intervention to identify students, minimise second-hand vape exposure, and inform parents/carers. Our primary goal is to protect students from potential health risks associated with vaping.

If your child is found vaping, they will receive a C4 detention as a deterrent measure. Any vapes found will be confiscated and either disposed of or collected by parents/carers.

If your child triggers the fire alarm through the use of a vape, they will receive a fixed term suspension.

We believe your support is invaluable in ensuring our school environment is a safe and happy place for all students to learn and thrive.



'Prepare for the road ahead'

Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

We wish you all a restful holiday and hope that you are able to share time with family and friends.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Peirson', written in a cursive style.

A Peirson
Headteacher