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## Holiday Dates for your information

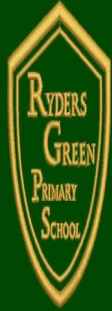
Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021

Return to school: Monday 7th June 2021

Term Ends: Friday 16th July 2021

Monday 19th –21st July 2021: School Closed—Staff Training Days

Summer Holidays from Thursday 22nd July 2021



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RYDERS GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Judged by Ofsted as a 'Good' School  
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Newsletter



We are pleased to confirm that all Covid Surge Testing for the Indian variant that was recently undertaken at school, have been returned negative — Just as we expected because we did everything right!

We would also like to reiterate; there were never any positive cases in school.

Following Government guidelines, we will continue to keep up our strict regime of requesting families to take tests or to self-isolate when necessary in order to keep everyone safe. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation.




Unfortunately, due to the current situation regarding the Covid Indian variant, we will review the situation the first week back after half term.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but we can only open the clubs if we feel it is safe to do so. We will update you as soon as possible.

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**We're on the Web;**  
[www.rydersgreenprimary.co.uk](http://www.rydersgreenprimary.co.uk)



 Parents entitled to Free School Meals for their children—don't forget to look out for your voucher which you should have received by email today.

# No Pedestrian Access—Please take note.....

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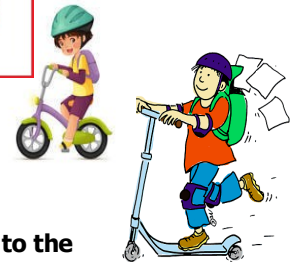


We can see from our cameras that some parents are still walking down the wrong side of the drive. We would like to remind parents and their children not to walk down the left side as you come down the driveway as it is not safe. The pavement comes to an end half way down and the children then have to walk in the driveway before they can cross over

## No Nuts

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We have a number of children in school who have a severe allergy to nuts. We are taking this opportunity to ask/remind parents not to include anything containing nuts/nut products in their child's lunch box in order to prevent these children from anaphylactic shock.



## Scooters/Bicycles

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We would like to remind parents that their children must not ride their scooters or bicycles on school premises. They must dismount at the top of the drive and push them to the designated storage area. This is to prevent any accidents. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Police Notice

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In the road adjacent to our school we would like to remind parents about the need to park sensibly and not dangerously on bends, over dropped kerbs, complete dangerous manoeuvres or stopping on zigzags to allow children to disembark their vehicles causing great risk to them and others. PCSO's and Traffic Wardens will regularly patrol the area recording and photographing evidence, those caught will be issued with £90.00 fixed penalty notices. Parents should not be using the main driveway unless it is an emergency or prior arrangement has been sought—it is for staff only. There is also a speed limit of 5mph on the driveway.

**THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN  
AS THEIR SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT**



May we remind parents that we have a NO SMOKING Policy that applies to the whole school site and grounds.



Dogs are NOT allowed on school premises at any time. This does not apply to Guide Dogs. Thank you.



Parents bringing children to school in a car should not be using the main driveway. This is for emergencies only. Any cars on the school premises at 8.45am will not be able to leave until 9.15am. This is for the safety of your children. Thank you.

# ATTENDANCE TARGET 97%

**IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION:** Our school target is 97%. If appointments in school time cannot be avoided please ensure an appointment card (or letter) is handed to the school office prior to the appointment. If your child is absent through sickness please provide medical proof in the way of medication labels or prescription slip. Wherever possible attend school prior to appointments and return to school following the appointment. You should **not** keep your child off school for the whole morning, afternoon or all day. This applies to any kind of appointment. If your child does not return to school on the advice of a GP, always contact the school to inform them of the outcome.

Thankyou for your support.

This half term our attendance is	94.5%
And For the year so far is	95.4%
Best Year Group this half term is .....	Yr2 95.8%
Followed closely by .....	Yr1 95.2%
And.....	Yr3 94.7%
Best Year Group for the Year	
So far is	Yr2 96.8%
Thank you to parents and children for doing their best during these unprecedented times.	

**ATTENDANCE NOTE TO PARENTS**  
 If children are taken out of school during Term Time it is classed as unauthorised absence. If it extends to more than 10 days we can and will remove your child from roll. Attendance Services collect all absences and will take further action if necessary.



## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS –

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks.



Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts.

## Leave of Absence During Term Time

We **strongly recommend** that you check term dates with school - especially before you book a holiday.

**You may get fined or even lose their school place if you take your children out of school during term time.**

Schools can issue [fines to parents who take their children out of school during term time](#).

Please think carefully before booking a holiday in term time. You should consider the potential impact on your child's education.

Statistics show that 10 days' absence in any academic year means pupils' learning suffers and they do worse in tests and exams.

Remember that schools do not have to provide work for students taking holidays during term time.

## Partial Solar Eclipse around 11:15am on Thursday 10 June 2021

Depending where you are in the UK, it will occur between 10:10am and 12:25pm best viewed during maximum coverage around 11:13am.

The coverage is only a small proportion on this occasion and not as good as it was in 2015.

These events are rare and students of all ages are curious and need to be reminded of the dangers to NOT look directly at the sun with the naked eye.

You can purchase some safe glasses from ; [www.EclipseGlasses.co.uk](http://www.EclipseGlasses.co.uk)



We sincerely apologise to the winners of the Easter Bonnet and Easter Egg competition—they will have their five minutes of fame in the Newsletter and receive their long awaited prize next term.



## The Big Swim Continues .....



The children have settled down well with the swimming. We have had no Covid related cases with this and the anxiety towards this seems to have subsided with nearly all parents.

The most important reason for learning to swim is that swimming is the only sport which can save your child's life. Drowning is still one of the most common causes of accidental death in children, so being able to swim is an essential life-saving skill. You need to give your child the chance to learn to swim. Swimming is lots of fun for people of all ages and children especially love getting in the water and enjoying themselves. Swimming keeps your child's heart and lungs healthy, improves strength and flexibility, increases stamina and even improves balance and posture!

## School Uniform for September

We know how expensive uniforms can be, and that some parents like to get started early for their children's return to school in September. Below is just a reminder of our school uniform. We are looking to introduce a tracksuit for the children to wear when they go swimming —it will be so much easier for them to get changed. They will also be able to wear it on colder days for PE. We will update you more on this as we get the details confirmed which you will be able to purchase through our normal suppliers.

### GIRLS

White Polo Shirt or White Shirt  
Green School Sweatshirt/Cardigan  
Black or Grey Skirt or Pinafore Dress  
Black School Shoes or Black Trainers – no markings  
Green Summer School Dress and white socks

### BOYS

White Polo Shirt or White Shirt  
Green School Sweatshirt  
Black or Grey Trousers  
Grey School Shorts for the summer  
Black sensible school shoes or Black Trainers  
With no markings

Children's PE Kit : Navy or Black Shorts, White T-Shirt, Plimsolls (Elastic or Velcro), School PE Bag

**EVERYTHING MUST BE NAMED CLEARLY**