



11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

**Welcome Back**

We are excited to be welcoming the children back to school after a well-deserved Christmas break and would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. With such a busy Autumn term, we are sure you will all agree that the Christmas break was welcomed with open arms and we hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable break ahead of what is set to be another fantastic term for Redlands.

We are very excited to announce that our new library has now been installed and those who attended Coffee and Chat this week had the very first tour of our beautifully engaging library space prior to the official opening by local MP Nicky Morgan on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Nicky will be joined by a children's author along with selected Reading Champions from each class as the grand unveiling takes place. We cannot thank the Friends of Redlands enough for their support in funding the library and are sure that this new learning space will encourage and motivate the children further in the development.

We are very pleased to be offering another great line up of afterschool activities this term and would like to remind parents that these clubs will begin week commencing **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January**. Please ensure that any changes to the collection of your child from these clubs are reported to the office by the end of the day the club will take place; for safeguarding reasons, children will only be released to those originally stated on the booking.

We must remind our parents not to access school premises via car - this applies to morning drop off times and afternoon pick up times, **including parent appointments, breakfast club and all after school and wraparound care facilities**. Parents are not authorised to use either of the staff car parks unless you are displaying a disabled blue badge and need to use our disabled parking bay, please provide a photocopy of this to the school office.

The main access point to school for dropping off and collecting your children safely is via the main gate near to the post box, which is open between **8:40am and 9am** in the mornings and reopened at **3.10pm until 4.30pm**. Children should be collected from clubs and aftercare via the main school gates. Parents dropping off and collecting children from after school clubs or wraparound care should park **off-site**.

If you need to speak to the school office or a class teacher, access to the school is via the main gates at the start and end of the day and via the office entrance during school hours. In all cases, parents should park **off-site**, as the school driveway entrance is very narrow and difficult to navigate; this entrance is also busy with school deliveries and authorised users and is therefore not safe.

We understand that there may be times during the year when you need to discuss your child's education and/or well-being, please be reminded that if this is the case, parents should speak to their child's class teacher in the first instance; should you be unable to discuss your query at the start or end of the school day, please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss your queries.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to continuing our journey together in working together and aiming for excellence.

Kind Regards

Mrs Michelle Tobin  
Headteacher