



The Riverside Reporter



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We value children who:

Strive for
excellence

Make the
right choices

Build
relationships



Learning to swim is fun!

Dates for your diary

Swimming pool on site for 3 more weeks
Clubs start next week

Every child a happy learner

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to a new academic year at Riverside! I hope that you and your family had a wonderful, restful summer holiday. If you are a new family to Riverside – welcome – we are really looking forward to working with you and your children.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It has been extremely pleasing in the children's first week back at school to see so many children wearing the correct school uniform. I estimate that about 98% of the children are wearing the correct uniform. A reminder to parents that children should not be wearing white shirts to school. Next week, I will be sending home a letter with all children not in proper uniform reminding parents of what the school uniform should be. The school's lost property container is already full – a big part of the problem is that not all parents are labelling their child's uniform. Please make sure that every part of your child's uniform – including their coat – is marked with their name.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

At the end of last term, we sent out information about the after-school club that is going to be starting this term. Everything is set up and ready to go, we are waiting for the club to receive their OFSTED registration before they can begin. If parents want to find out more information about the after-school club provider, they can click on the link below. Riverside will appear on the 'locations' list once the registration has been received.

<https://www.wraparoundcare4u.com/>

MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS

Many thanks to all the parents who attend this week's Meet the Teacher meetings. We had a good turnout for all the meetings. I hope that you found these meetings useful. Please remember that a lot of the information shared in these meetings is also on the school's website.

ATTENDANCE

Many of you will have seen articles in the national media about the importance of making a strong start in terms of attendance when starting a new school year. We have had so many children attend every day of this term so far, but unfortunately, we have also had a large number of children who have missed a day or two of their learning. Every day of school that your child misses has a detrimental effect on their education. Please ensure that your child attends school every day.

UPDATED BEHAVIOUR REGULATION POLICY

For the new school year, we have made some updates to our school's Behaviour Regulation Policy. Two of the main changes that both parents and children need to be aware of are the following:

1) Introduction of GOLDEN TIME

Every Friday afternoon, all children in Year 1-6 will have 20 minutes of Golden Time. This is a special time when children can spend time with their teachers and friends playing games. The purpose of Golden time is to reward child who behave well all week and to develop children's executive functioning.

2) Clearer behaviour steps

To help staff, children and parents better understand the consequence of certain behaviours, our staff team have developed the Classroom Plan shown below. If a child gets to step 2 of the classroom plan, they will lose a minute of their Golden Time. A child can lose up to 10 minutes of Golden Time per week. The school's thinking behind this is that we want to reduce low-level disruptions in class as these low-level disruptions hinder other children's learning.

I discussed these changes with the children in assembly on Monday, but I would really appreciate it if parents could talk through this classroom plan with their children this weekend. Our full Behaviour Regulation Policy is available on the school's website or click [here](#)



Riverside Primary School and Nursery Classroom Plan

	Expected behaviour in school	Possible action in school
	Cleaning up after self Following instructions of any member of staff Following the school rules of: ready, respectful and safe. Listening when others are talking Showing fair play	Specific, genuine praise Class Reward Positive message to parents House point Praise Postcard Gold Award 20 minutes of Golden Time
Low Level Behaviour		
Step 1	Swinging on a chair Accidental damage due to carelessness Arguing with others Ignoring instructions Name calling Pushing in line Talking when it is time to listen to others Shouting at others	Reminder of the rule Resolution of issue - listening to child Scripted intervention Ask the child to move seats Teacher to inform parents Verbal apology by the child Reminder, warning moves to step 2 = 1 min
Moderate Behaviour		
Step 2	Persistent step 1 behaviour Deliberately disturbing learning Defacing school books Fighting (pushing, pinching, tripping or barging) Leaving learning space without permission Refusal to complete work Running away from an adult Insulting someone's family Throwing objects or using an object with the intention to hurt Arguing with staff	Reminder of the rule Resolution of issue - listening to child Loss of 1 minute of Golden Time Teacher to inform parents Verbal apology by the child Catch-up Club for refusal to complete work Possible meeting with parents with Phase Leader Possible moving of child to partner room for 10 minutes
Serious Behaviour		
Step 3	Persistent step 2 behaviour Bringing a vape into school Bringing phone in school Damaging school property & vandalism Fighting and intentional physical harm to others (spitting, biting, kicking, punching, slapping, scratching) Persistent leaving learning space without permission Serious challenge to authority of a member of staff, e.g. refusal to return to class Stealing Verbal abuse to staff/children (incl. swearing at someone) Viewing inappropriate content	SLT involvement Call for SLT - Red Card or Walkie-Talkie Verbal apology by the child Reflection Room at lunchtime Repeated step 1 or 2 = 15 mins Step 3 = 30 mins Catch up missed learning time in Reflection Room Record on Arbor SLT inform parents Possible suspension
Step 4	** Any hate language, discrimination or abuse related to the protected characteristics or any sexualised behaviour (disability, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation) Extreme violence or dangerous behaviour posing a risk to the safety of self and/or others Leaving school premises without permission Setting off the fire alarm	SLT involvement Log on Arbor and EDUKEY Possible suspension or permanent exclusion Reflection Room - whole of lunch SLT to meet parents Verbal apology by the child Relevant outside agencies contacted to provide advice and support if necessary

Thank you for your support

Richard Daniels

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Maidenhead Mencap have teamed up with **Nurturing Parents** to facilitate a monthly Evidence-based Parenting Group for those caring for children aged 3 to 8 years old. The group will be **free** to parents who join Mencap for £2 joining fee.

Our monthly parenting programme will be delivered by an IAPT trained Parenting Practitioner with previous experience of delivering group and one to one parenting programmes as part of a CAMHS team.

We work through the lens of Social Learning Theory and Attachment Theory to help parents develop positive strategies to support their child's individual needs and create positive outcomes.

Some of the topics we will cover in the group include;

- Supporting child development through play, strengthening parent and child relationship.
- Ways to increase a child's emotional awareness and ability to regulate their own emotions.
- How to effectively use praise and rewards to promote positive behaviours.
- How to recognise and break negative cycles.
- Methods of conflict resolution and managing challenging behaviour.
- Rules, routines and effective limit setting.
- Parental stress management.

Come along to our pre-launch event at Highview, 6 North Road, Maidenhead, SL6 1PL on Tuesday 16th September at 7pm to 8pm to find out more.

If you are interested in attending this pre-launch event or would like to join the Parenting Group, please contact Caroline Waites at Berkshire@NurturingParents.onmicrosoft.com

Your assistance with helping us to raise awareness about our group is very much appreciated.

Kind regards

Caroline

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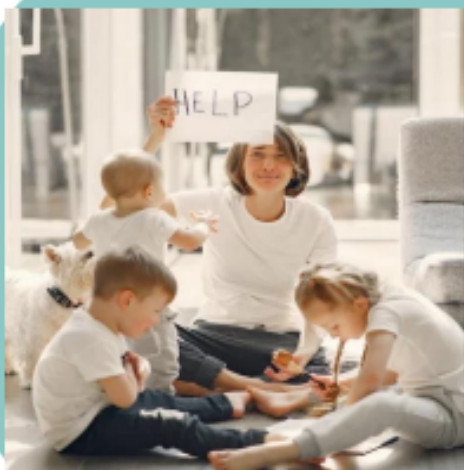
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Maidenhead Mencap in partnership with **Nurturing Parents** are pleased to announce that they will soon be launching a monthly Evidence-based Parenting Group for those caring for children aged 3 to 8 years old.



Who is our Parenting group for?

- Parent/Carers who would like to enhance their parent and child relationship.
- Parent/Carers struggling to manage challenging behaviour.
- Parents of children who have a diagnosis of ADHD or are awaiting a diagnosis.
- Parents of children with complex needs.
- Families who have gone through change such as, fostering, military families or family breakdown.

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Sensory Processing workshops **online**

Does your child:

- Feel distressed by the way certain things feel?
- Become easily overwhelmed in busy or noisy places?
- Struggle to focus or sit still?

If you're a parent or carer or work with children and young people, our workshops will help you understand more about their sensory needs. We'll offer lots of simple strategies and advice to help.



Sign up on our website or scan the QR code:
cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/occupational-therapy



Eton Action Fair – Saturday 20th September, 11am–4pm

We'd love to invite you, your pupils, and their families to join us for the annual Eton Action Fair, a lively day out celebrating community, creativity, and charity.

Held on the grounds of Eton College, the Fair is packed with fun for all ages – from classic fairground rides like the Mini Train, Swing Boats, and Bouncy Castle to hands-on fun at the Petting Zoo.

There will be over 100 stalls run by local charities and businesses, offering everything from games and crafts to handmade gifts and unique treats. Throughout the day, enjoy live performances from local groups and talented pupils – there's always something to see and hear!

Feeling hungry? Our food court has something for everyone – from hearty paella and

delicious Indian street food to 100% vegan dishes, plus ice cream, cakes, sweets, local honey, and homemade preserves.

Best of all, the Eton Action Fair is about giving back. All proceeds from the event will go to five fantastic charities:

Well Windsor, The Link Foundation, Lymphoma Action, Asha Nepal, and the Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation.

We hope to see you there!

