



The Federation of Riders Schools

Riders Infant and Junior Schools

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Dear Parents,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Head of the Junior School, and am very excited to be part of the Riders Federation. Although it is only my second week, the children, staff and parents have been very welcoming and supportive which is such a strength of Riders and its community. I will be at the school Mondays- Thursdays until July, and will be in full time in September.

As part of my role, I am committed to ensuring we have high expectations of behaviour, so I have been working with the children to promote the excellent learning behaviours I see around school, and to eliminate any unwanted behaviours which prevent our children from learning. Once the behaviour policy has been refreshed and updated, I will be sharing it with you so everyone is clear on the expectations at Riders. There is a very simple parent questionnaire to send into the school office or to the class teacher, if you would like to share your thoughts with me. I will also be out on the playground in the mornings and after school.

Alongside this, I will be leading teaching and learning to ensure all our children have the opportunity to achieve their potential and continue to develop their personal skills. Our curriculum is also being refreshed to ensure the children have a broad and balanced experience here at Riders, and the staff have been busy being very creative with their lessons.

One matter which needs to be addressed quite urgently, is the use of the main doors which children enter/exit from at drop off and pick up times. As a school we have a duty of care to keep the children safe and be accountable for all the adults in the building at any time. To achieve this and to comply with safeguarding procedures, we ask for all parents and carers not to enter through these doors, and to speak to a member of staff instead. There will be staff posted at the doors, so please pass on any concerns via this method. Class teachers lead their children out onto the playground if you need to speak with them. I know you will agree that the safety of our children is essential, and look forward to receiving your support on this matter.

Kati Dawkins
Head of Junior School

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PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of child and class (optional):

Infant / Junior

What would you consider is working well at Riders:

Have you any suggestions for improvement?

Would you like to meet with the Head of School for a meeting?

Please return questionnaire to the school office