

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to Ryecroft CE Middle School.

As your child prepares to join us in September, we are delighted to welcome you and your family to our school community. We appreciate that starting at a new school is an exciting time and there can be lots of information to take in, so we hope the enclosed information booklet helps make the transition as smooth and straightforward as possible.

In September, you will be provided with a data collection sheet for your child. In order for us to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, we ask that you check that the information we have collected and hold is correct. If any data is incorrect, please up-date these records via Arbor. The Department of Education requires us to collect information including ethnicity, nationality, country of birth and first language – please ensure these sections are completed **filling in any blanks**.

We also ask, that for us to comply with the Children Act 1989 we need to be able to offer **all parents** information about their children's education *even if they do not live with the child or have restricted access etc.* Please complete the names and addresses of **all persons who are parents, or have parental responsibility (i.e. either through legal adoption or custody order)**.

- **Contacts:** Addresses must be provided **for all contacts** and wherever possible **at least two emergency contacts** provided.
- **Medical:** Your child's health is very important to us here at Ryecroft, so with that in mind, we would be grateful if you could include and/or update any medical conditions for your child of which the school should be aware of.
- **Photographic Consent:** We sometimes take photographs and videos of pupils for use in school displays, newsletters, the school website, social media, and other promotional or educational materials. To comply with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), we need your permission before we do this. **Please ensure each category/section is completed with your preference.** You may withdraw your consent at any time via the same means.



Parent Portal & App (Arbor) – For Information Only - Access available from September

The Parent Portal and Arbor App let parents register their child for a club or visit, book parents evening slots, and manage payments all from their phone or computer. Parents can also check in on their child's attendance, behaviour and progress.

Downloading the Arbor App

The Arbor App is the mobile version of our Parent Portal, for use on mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets.

- [Download Arbor – Google Play Store](#)
- [Download Arbor - iOS App Store](#)

Accessing Parent Portal

Parents can log into the Parent Portal by going to login.arbor.sc and inputting your username and password.

Username: This is your email address we have on your child's file for you.

Password: Click **Forgot your password?** to set your password and finish setting up your account.

Using Parent Portal and the Arbor App

The following articles will help parents get started with using the Parent Portal and Arbor App:

- [Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Arbor App – Arbor Help Centre \(\[arbor-education.com\]\(http://arbor-education.com\)\)](#)
- [A quick introduction to Arbor for guardians and parents – Arbor Help Centre \(\[arbor-education.com\]\(http://arbor-education.com\)\)](#)
- [Seeing and updating my child's information on the Parent Portal or Arbor App – Arbor Help Centre \(\[arbor-education.com\]\(http://arbor-education.com\)\)](#)
- [Troubleshooting login issues - why can't I log in to my school's Parent Portal or Arbor App? – Arbor Help Centre \(\[arbor-education.com\]\(http://arbor-education.com\)\)](#)



School Meals – For Information Only – Access available from September

School meals are provided by **Dolce**, using a **fob system run by SchoolGrid**. Each child will be issued with their own fob, which they will use daily when purchasing food and drinks.

Parents/Carers will receive an email from **SchoolGrid**, this will enable you to create an account for your child, please note the link provided is only **valid for 24 hours**. If you have not registered your child on the **SchoolGrid** portal within the 24 hours, please contact Mrs Whitehall via r.whitehall@i2e.org.uk who will re-send you the email.

Please note the following information about the fobs:

- All fobs are identical.
- To help pupils identify their own fob, we strongly advise they attach a **named keyring**, or alternatively write their name or draw a small picture on the blank side of the fob.
- Pupils must bring their fob to school **every day**, as this will need to be scanned when purchasing food and drink.
- Pupils will be responsible for their own fob.
- Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals will also require a fob.
- This cashless system is used for all daily meals including: themed meals and our Christmas meal.



The **SchoolGrid** portal allows parents/carers to:

- Add money to their child's account.
- View menus.
- Check on what your child has eaten during the school day.

From September, if you require any assistance with completing any of the above, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of our office staff. Our team work incredibly hard to make sure we have the most accurate and up to date information on every child. To help with this I would be grateful for your cooperation with completing/updating all information at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Headteacher