



Ringwood School

Year 7 Induction Evening

# The beginning of an exciting new journey.....

**We look forward to being side by side with you for the journey ahead.**



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# Can I please ask that we work together:

- If something has happened and your child has given you their version of events, please call or email us and ask us to investigate or for further information BUT PLEASE understand that at that point you have only heard one side of the story- this is your child's truth, rather than THE truth. If we are aware that something has happened, we will contact you.
- Please accept that our standards for learning behaviour are very high. We recognise that children have had a varied learning experience with school rules and sanctions previously and will take time to adjust. We will work with your child to help them to get it right.
- Please communicate with us in the way described by Mr Massimino - secondary school is different to primary school. We can help you best if your message gets to the right person.
- We will treat you with respect, please treat us the same way. Currently teachers are leaving the profession nationally and aggressive communications from parents is one key reason they cite for leaving. If you would like your child taught by experts, please help me keep them here by working with them.
- We will host a meeting with you during September to talk about supporting your child through secondary school – BUT my one piece of advice is to encourage them to read as frequently as possible.

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# Smartphone policy for Year 7 2025



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Be Determined  
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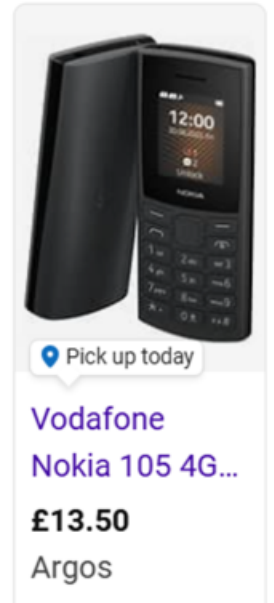
- Year 7 in 2025 are not allowed smartphones in school at all. If they bring a mobile phone in it must be a non-smart phone. If a smartphone is confiscated from a Year 7 student, it will not be returned to them. We will invite parents in for a meeting (likely to take a few days) and return it to you.
- We will no longer routinely manage issues that occur on platforms that a student is legally too young to access (unless the issue spills over to be live in school). Most platforms are 13+.

# What is a Non-Smart Phone?



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Also called dumb phones or 'bricks', these phones do not have internet access or front facing cameras.



Vodafone  
Nokia 105 4G...

£13.50

Argos



If you missed the meeting back in March  
and want to know a little more,  
this is a good place to start



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# Induction 2025

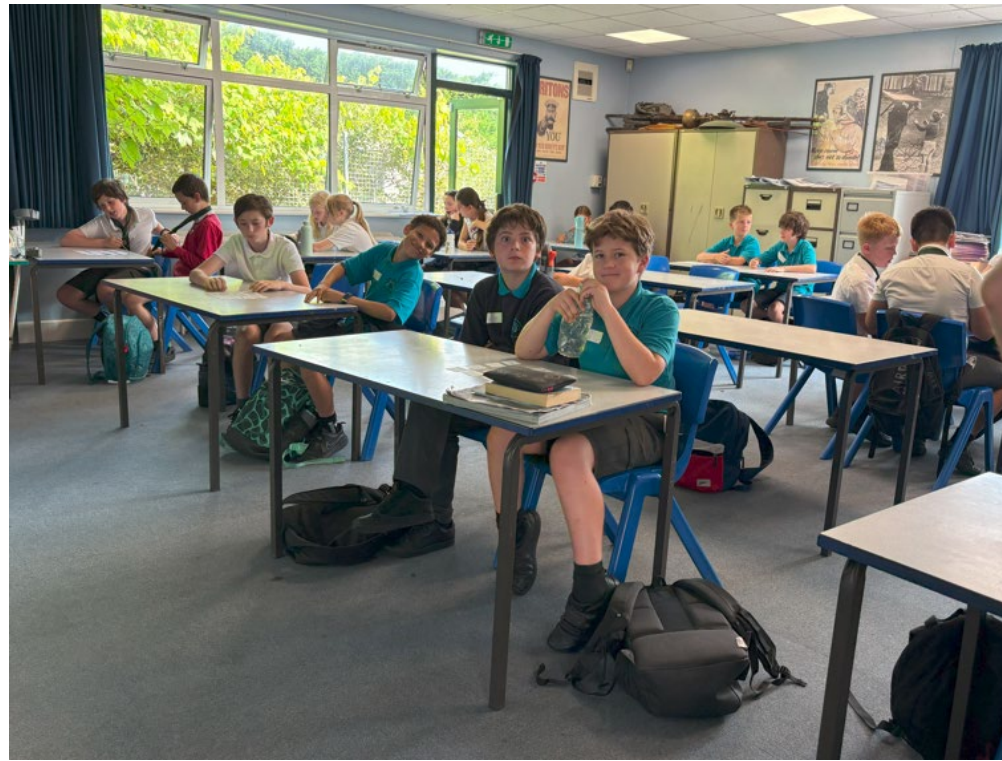
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## Key Staff

Head of Year – Mario Massimino

Name/s	Tutor Group/House
Mrs Altinkalp	<b>R - Nightingale</b>
Mr Shaylor	<b>I – Hardy</b>
Mr Owen	<b>N – Brunel</b>
Mrs Ibanez	<b>G – Anning</b>
Mrs Elvin (Mrs Wornell)	<b>L – Thornhill</b>
Mrs Stevens	<b>W – Nightingale</b>
Mrs Smith	<b>U – Hardy</b>
Mrs Dunn	<b>D – Brunel</b>
Mrs Lloyd	<b>S – Anning</b>
Mrs Gifford-Wilcox (Ms Adams)	<b>H - Thornhill</b>

Headteacher – Mrs Leanne Symonds

SENCO- Carla Bastow-Hart

Deputy SENCO – Vicki Lewis

Assistant Headteacher- Pastoral – Heather Jolly

DSL – Clare Adams

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# Key Information

- Registration and Tutor Time – 8:35 prompt start. 3pm Finish
- Parking and Transport
- Tutor + 5 lessons x 60 mins. **2 week timetable/50 lesson.**
- Bags & Lockers - £10 via parentpay – Mid September.
- Food service – breakfast, lunchtime & break time – Designated Year 7 Areas
- Uniform & PE Kit- Please add a note in the diary if there are issues. Stevensons- **Name everything!**
- Rewards and Conduct- Arbor – Please support our behaviour policy.
- **95%+ Attendance is expected. Please contact us if your child is absent.**  
**-Holiday will rarely ever be authorised but please do speak to us if you have special circumstances.**  
**-Sticker on return.**

More detailed information is in the pack you received tonight.

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## ANNING HOUSE

"Curiosity is the most powerful thing you own"

Mary Anning



Mary Anning was an inspirational fossil collector and Palaeontologist who became known around the world for the many fossil finds she made in the cliffs of Lyme Regis. Her curiosity and meticulous observations led her to become an expert globally in her field. Curiosity and perseverance are at the heart of Anning House.

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## BRUNEL HOUSE

"Determination today leads to success tomorrow"

Isambard Kingdom Brunel



Isambard Kingdom Brunel, born in Portsmouth, was a Mechanical and Civil Engineer. He is considered one of the most ingenious and prolific figures in engineering history. His work includes the Clifton Suspension Bridge, the Great Western Railway and the tunnel under the River Thames. His determination and tenacity are the values of Brunel House.

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## HARDY HOUSE

"But his dreams were as gigantic as his surroundings were small"

Thomas Hardy



Born in Stinsford, East Dorset, Thomas Hardy was a Victorian novelist and poet. Hardy was conscious of class divisions and the social unfairness that existed within Victorian society; as a result he was always keen to use his writing to highlight inequality. The qualities of resilience and fairness are the core values of the House.

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## NIGHTINGALE HOUSE

"I attribute my success to this - I never gave or took any excuse"

Florence Nightingale



Florence Nightingale is best known as the founder of modern nursing and is buried in East Wellow, Hampshire. She was known as "The Lady with the Lamp" owing to her determination to help the suffering at all hours of the day. Her values of dedication and determination to succeed in the face of adversity form the ethos of the House.

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## THORNHILL HOUSE

"I know no such thing as genius - genius is nothing but labour and diligence"

Sir James Thornhill



Sir James Thornhill, born in Weymouth, worked in the field of historical painting. The dome of St. Paul's cathedral is Thornhill's most famous work. Thornhill was passionate about teaching young artists. This spirit of helping others and striving for excellence are at the core of Thornhill House.

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## House Events

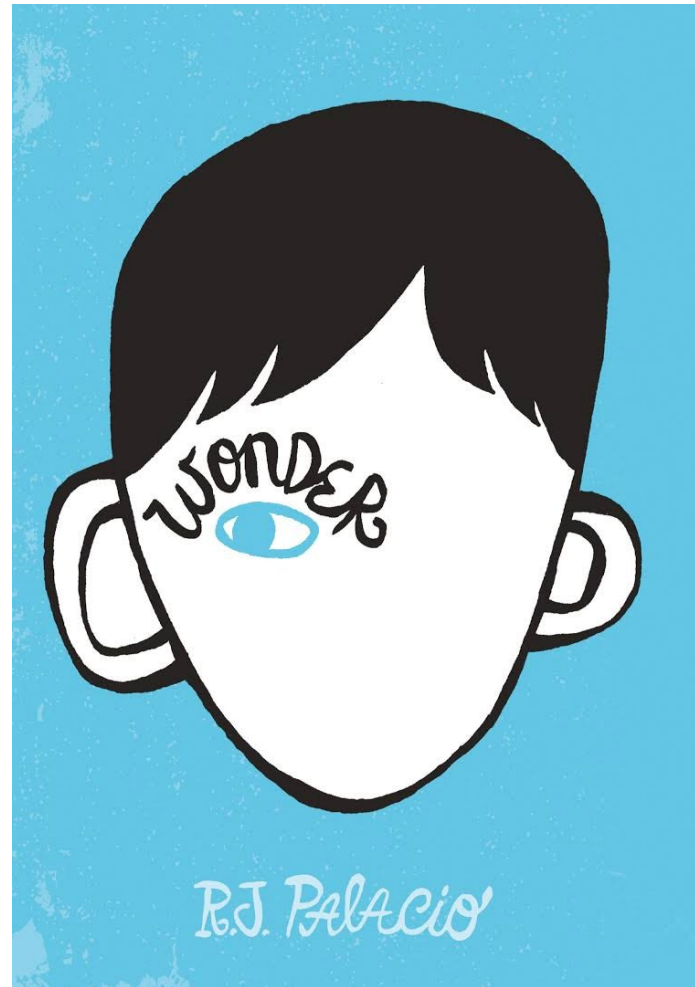
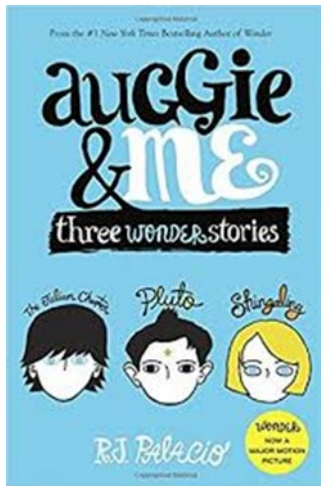
- Sports
- Reading
- Art
- Maths Challenge
- Photography
- Knitting
- Quizzes
- Recycling
- House Points

House Cup is presented on Sports Day.

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# Wonder



## Team Ringwood

- Be Kind
- Try Your Best
- Get Involved

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# EVERYONE IS WELCOME IN THE LIBRARY



Students can start using the library and borrowing books as soon as they start in September.

The library is open every break and lunch time. Home Learning Club is in the library from 3-4pm Mon - Thur.

The library holds a wide range of books:  
Fiction  
Non-Fiction  
Graphic Novels  
Quick Reads  
Dyslexia friendly texts.

Every student has access to our e-book platform, Sora. Ebooks Audiobooks Magazines Can be accessed on any device.

## 6 Summer Challenges from Year 6 to Year 7



Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Students have been given a 676 Reading Challenge to enjoy over the summer break. 6 challenges that will take them from Year 6 to Year 7. The challenge booklets can be bought to the library in September and exchanged for a goody bag!

RECOMMENDED READING LIST AND SORA INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY

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# Pride Piece & Ringwood Roadshow

- In their junior schools all students will be asked to complete a Maths and English 'Pride Piece' to demonstrate their best work and ideas. If not yet returned, please can they come to us on the first day back.
- If they have not come from a feeder then you should have been sent all the information and we would like this back by the end of term. The Art Pride Piece can be brought back in September for their first Art lesson.
- Students will stick this in the front of every exercise book in September (we will organise it so that each student has 12 copies of their work).

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# How To Grow a Grown Up

Prepare Your Teen  
for the Real World

Dr Dominique Thompson  
& Fabienne Vailes

- Building independence and resilience
- Parenting
- Stress & Anxiety
- Sleep
- Exam/Test pressure
- Relationships
- Social Media
- E-Safety & Cyber Bullying
- Peer Pressure
- Illicit substances/alcohol etc

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# Contact details in Arbor & ArborPay



- Thank you to everyone who has logged in and provided contact details and additional information through our Management Information System - Arbor
- The consent requests are so helpful when arranging off site visits, sports fixtures and ensuring photo permission consents are accurate along with essential medical details.
- This is also how you top up their lunch card and make payments for trips etc so it is vital you are signed up.
- Email [parentapp@ringwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:parentapp@ringwood.hants.sch.uk)





# Learning Groups & Tutor Groups

Learning groups are classes which are created using SATs/CATs results together with junior school teachers' recommendations.

Students will be taught in mixed ability for some lessons (EP/English/Art/Drama/Music or Technology)

Students will be taught in learning groups for other lessons (Maths, Science, IT/Computing, Humanities).

Tutor groups are now set for September classing and changes cannot be made.

We receive lots of positive feedback on the tutor grouping and how it has allowed students to make new friendships and gain new experiences so please do not worry, it's only where they start their day.

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# Behaviour for Learning



**S**it up, listen & engage

**T**rack the speaker

**A**sk & answer like a scholar

**R**espond without question or comment

**S**how respect – one voice

+ Uniform, equipment etc.

All Formal Warnings appear on Arbor

Notifications of Detention will be via email and at least 24 hours notice.

## Serious Misconduct

- Defiance/Refusal
- Prejudicial Language
- Physicality/Assault
- Verbal Abuse/Bullying Behaviour
- Truancy

It is important to remember that, by selecting our school, you have agreed that your child will comply with our expectation around behaviour, conduct and consequences. This was your choice and we are keen to work with you to ensure that your child is successful within that framework.

# EQUIPMENT LIST



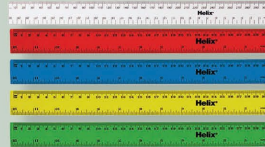
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PURPLE PEN



PENCIL



RULER



HIGHLIGHTER



ERASER



SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR



COMPASS & PROTRACTOR



GLUE STICK



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# Mobile Phones & Social Media

- No Smart Phones. These will have to be collected by parents if seen/heard. Non smart phones off and out of sight once through the gate.
- Can contact home with permission. Should not do this by themselves.

## Outside of School – Our Advice – Well Being/Safety

- Limit time on devices.
- Agree that it is your phone (you pay for it) and you only want to keep an eye on things because you care.
- Social Media – Age Rating - 13 (Tik Tok, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook). Overall negative effect on well-being. We will not address any issues on platforms that they are too young to be on.
- 1 Hour before bed downtime.
- **Phones in bedrooms.** Dangerous, disruptive and negative effects on well-being.

It may be that you have to have a conversation with your child to help them understand that, as their situation changes, your rules around the phones need to change too.

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# Emotional Support / On Call team



Mrs Adkins  
Student Receptionist



Mrs Hayworth  
Pastoral Support



Mrs Mitchell  
Pastoral Support



Mr Cook  
Pastoral Support



Mr Tate  
Pastoral Support



Miss Seward  
Pastoral Support

Based in Student  
Reception

Check in at first  
and Emotional Support  
Referrals can be  
made at the start of the  
year based.

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# School Diary & Home Learning

- Key items of equipment that are required every day
- Contains useful information: maps, policies, key dates etc.
- Used to record Home Learning.
- Home Learning also set on Teams – September.
- 3-5 pieces per week of around 20 minutes with at least 48 hour timescale.



# Year 7 English Home Learning: Sparx Reader

## Building Confidence and a Love of Reading

- What is the Year 7 English Home Learning?
- What is Sparx Reader and how does it work?
- What will the benefit be to my child?
- How can my child access the programme?





# What is the Year 7 English Home Learning?

Complete 30 minutes of independent, meaningful **reading practice** a week using the Sparx Reader online programme.

Designed to build confidence and reading skills.

The logo for Sparx Reader, featuring the text "Sparx Reader" in white, bold, sans-serif font on a blue, tilted rectangular background.

Sparx Reader



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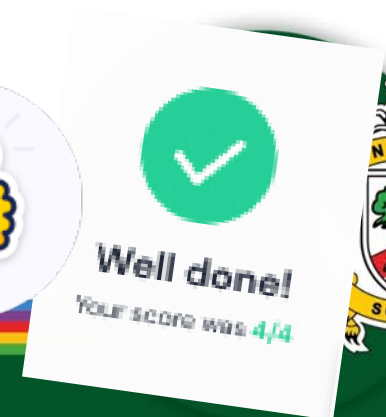


# What is Sparx Reader and how does it work?

Sparx Reader is a powerful, personalised reading practice tool.  
Using it involves:

1. Completing an initial reading assessment to generate a reading level
2. Choosing books based on level and interests
3. Reading online with short check-in questions
4. Earning Sparx Reader Points (SRPs).

**Sparx Reader**



# What will the benefit be to my child?



## Short Term:

- Cultivates a weekly reading habit
- Builds independence and confidence with reading
- Programme is responsive and adapts to the needs of each individual

## Long Term:

- Accelerates reading progress and improves academic outcomes
- Secures reading skills that make reading for pleasure more likely and...
- ...research shows people who read for pleasure have improved literacy skills, mental well-being, and empathy.





# How can my child access the programme?

Concerns: smartphones; distractions

## Reassurance:

- Focused, purposeful use
- No passive scrolling
- Works on family laptops, tablets, consoles – no problem not to have a smartphone – any device which has an internet browser.
- IT access at school in the Library at break or lunchtimes, or at Home Learning Club after school if easier for you and your child.



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# Any Questions?

Contact the English Department and we will get back to you.



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# Communication



- 1) Note in **diary** to tutor/teacher
- 2) Email or phone school to speak to tutor/teacher
- 3) Urgent enquiries to Mr Massimino.

Students are always encouraged to speak to their teachers/ tutors/pastoral team.

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If we don't know about an issue we cannot deal with it.

“What are your next steps?”

All correspondence will be addressed within a minimum of 72 hours.



# Y7 Curriculum Maps

- An **overview** of skills, knowledge and understanding. Currently on the school website. Academic – Curriculum.
- **Super-curricular** activities designed to encourage your child to further challenge themselves to learn independently and to deepen and broaden their subject knowledge. They are additional to weekly home learning tasks and can be completed if and when your child wishes.
- **Revision strategies** to offer further support to your child should they need it.
- **Parent Information Evening in September to fully explain this along with Assessment and E-Safety.**

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# Stepping stones to good attendance habits

- It's ok for your child to feel a little concerned about coming to school.
- Reassure them that it's ok to feel uncomfortable at times. It will pass.
- Think about when you took your driving test, you were nervous, but you did it! Hopefully rewarding first time?! Or maybe you had to dust yourself off and try again. Coming to school is the same.
- Let us know if they're not ok, but reinforce that **“we go to school”**
- Change your language from **“anxious”** and use instead **“uncomfortable”**, **“nervous”**, **“unsure”** – these are all temporary emotions
- Remember, your parenting journey is changing too, you're routine in September will be different. Do something to take your mind off it.
- Your experience of school might not always have been a positive one so if you find it hard to be **positive**, be **neutral**. Consider the friends and connections you made during your school days and talk positively about that.



Struggling to get your child into school?  
**Talk to us** – we're here to **help**.



# Extra Curricular Activities

- Many familiar sports and lots of new ones making use of first class facilities operating during lunch time and after school
- Drama clubs and other performing arts
- Subjects – English: Creative writing club. Math club, Science club, History: Adventure games club and Art and textile clubs
- Specialist – Eco Schools, Amnesty International and many more
- Music lessons - If you would like to apply for your child to learn a musical instrument please fill in the form in your pack.
- List of clubs will be shared online.
- Students will be responsible for sharing fixture information- email to check.

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# Finance & a few other bits...

## ☐ Contact information.....

admissions@ringwood.....

- Upfront data: largely collected
- ParentApp: available September: for updating contacts & viewing other student information

## ☐ ParentPay system

finance@ringwood.....

## ☐ Bus from Bransgore area:

bransgorebus@ringwood.....

## From other Hampshire areas

For travel to Ringwood School from other parts of the Hampshire area parents will need to apply to Hampshire Travel to assess eligibility by following this link <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schooltransport/parent-carer/application-process/mainstream-school#step-1>

## From Dorset

Details for the number 38 public bus service can be found by visiting our website <https://www.ringwood.hants.sch.uk/information-2/transport/>

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## ☐ Safeguarding

[safeguarding@ringwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ringwood.hants.sch.uk)

☐ <https://www.ringwood.hants.sch.uk/safeguarding/>

Ms Adams, Ms Jolly, Mr Walbrin, Mr Cooper, Mr Broadhouse & Ms Lewis

## ☐ Catering

[catering@ringwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:catering@ringwood.hants.sch.uk)

- Student cards issued day 1
- Top up through ParentPay or with cash machine in Reception.
- Please note this is likely to be a reduced service in the Autumn.

All Staff are contactable by email:

[Mmassimino@ringwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:Mmassimino@ringwood.hants.sch.uk)



The poster for Ringwood School's Child Protection & Safeguarding Team features the school's crest and name at the top. Below this, the title 'CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING TEAM' is displayed. The team members are arranged in two rows, each with a portrait photo and their name and role. The bottom of the poster includes contact information for concerns and the school's 'RESPECT' logo.

Ringwood School			
CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING TEAM			
			
Miss C. ADAMS Designated Safeguarding Lead	Miss H. JOLLY Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mr A. WALBRIN Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
			
Mr T. COOPER Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs V. LEWIS Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mr T. BROADHOUSE Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs C. MITCHELL Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a student please email <a href="mailto:safeguarding@ringwood.hants.sch.uk">safeguarding@ringwood.hants.sch.uk</a> or speak to a member of the team			
RESPECT			

## Key September Dates.

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September – INSET

Wednesday 3rd September – Year 7 & 12 only

Thursday 4th September – All Students Return

There will be an evening about our assessment, curriculum and e-safety in the first half term. Details will come in September.

All term dates and INSET days etc are available on the school website.

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# Our Year 7 Journey....



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Harrison & Molly





# STEVENSONS



## Pop-up Shop.

### Ringwood School

Selling events are a 'travelling branch' and provide the opportunity for parents to have the full uniform outfitting experience.

A range of branded school uniform across all stocked sizes will be available in school for pupils to try on, purchase and take away on the day  
(or to try on and purchase online at a later date [www.stevensons.co.uk](http://www.stevensons.co.uk)).

**Date: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

**Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm**

#### Shopping

To see your school uniform on our website, scan the QR code below. We encourage customers to bring a reusable carrier bag with them.

#### Trying on

You are welcome to try on garments, but a fitting room may not always be available, so we recommend wearing a thin baselayer type of clothing for ease of trying on.

#### Payment

Our Event is cashless, we accept all major credit/debit cards (excluding Amex).



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# Thank you!

We look forward to welcoming you all in September.