

RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RSU #14 WINDHAM RAYMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Incoming Pre-K Students,

Thank you for your patience as we work to devise a plan for Pre-K screening due to COVID-19. The State of Maine has issued guidance in this area so we can plan for a safe process for your child.

RSU14 staff will be making calls to all of the families who have registered. These calls will take about 15 minutes to complete. These questions are to give our staff a general sense of your child through your eyes as a parent. Your child will not be asked any questions and is not involved in the call. It is perfectly fine if they are playing with siblings, or taking a nap!

Due to the July 4th holiday, calls will be made during the week of June 29th and the week of July 13th. If the school staff calls at an inconvenient time, please schedule a timely call back time. The information you are able to provide will assist us in planning for the start of the school year.

Sincerely,

Beth Peavey, Principal

Raymond Elementary School

Here are some frequently asked questions we have been getting:

Q. Will school be in person or virtual?

A. Staff and administration are working with CDC and the Maine Dept. of Education to determine how to plan to minimize the risk of infections and to best create a learning environment. Several scenarios are being reviewed and discussed by RSU#14 employees. We do plan to have new protocols and expectations to minimize the spread of the virus. We will update all families once we know the plan for the fall. Bookmark our district website [RSU14.org](https://rsu14.org) as updates will be posted.

Q. When will I know the name of my child's teacher?

A. Schools will notify parents of placement in mid-August.

Q. When does school start?

A. For grades 1-3 the first day of school is September 1. As we receive more information and guidelines from the Maine Department of Education, the pre-k teachers and I will be developing and messaging to families how we will provide a time for students and parents to meet the teachers prior to the start of school. If we are in a full return to school in the fall, pre-k students will begin on Thursday, September 3rd.

Q. Who do I contact about the bus schedule?

A. The bus routes are determined by the Transportation Department. The routes are usually published on the transportation website and the local paper approximately a week prior to the first school day. You should visit our transportation department website for more information as it becomes available or contact them at 892-1809 with questions. Link: [RSU14.org/transportation](https://rsu14.org/transportation)

Q. What can I do over the summer to help my child get ready for school?

A. Great question! Read to your child every day. Ask them to follow a one-step direction. Count with your child. Most importantly, play outside and discover nature.

Q. Should I purchase supplies for school?

A. Teachers may communicate a possible wish list of items to donate to the classroom. Please note the school will provide all materials needed for learning.