

Rokesly Infant and Nursery School

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At Rokesly...

Our community is warm and welcoming

Learning is fun and fascinating

We celebrate the things that make us special

We challenge ourselves to go further

♥ WELCOME BACK TO ROKESLY ♥

Starting back to school September 2020

Dear Nursery Parents / Carers

Friday 4th September 2020

I hope you and your families are all well and have enjoyed a restful summer break.

We have had a very busy week in school, preparing for the start of the term and making sure all practical measures have been put into place to provide a safe, friendly and welcoming environment for our new children and families.

A full risk assessment is available to families in the Policies section of the school website.

All measures we have put in place at Rokesly Nursery are to make sure the chance of transmission of the virus is minimised with as little disruption to learning as possible. Our measures include:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace

The latest Government guidance states that:

To ensure we identify those with coronavirus while avoiding a huge increase in demand for tests from people without coronavirus symptoms, we ask that you recommend to your pupils, students and staff who feel unwell, that they **only get tested** if:

- they develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms:
a high temperature - a new, continuous cough - the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell, or
- they are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse)

If a pupil, student or staff member develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, only they should be tested. There is **no need** for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic. As schools and colleges across England return, pupils and students may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. These pupils and students don't need to book a test but **may need to stay off school** or college and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

It is vitally important that you always make sure you call the school to let us know if your child is unwell, or unable to attend school for any reason.

To reduce contacts and maximise distancing between people in Rokesly school we will continue to:

- group children and staff together in year groups and class groups during the school day
- avoid contact between groups wherever possible - including having separate playgrounds
- arrange classrooms to maximise space

Some staff may be wearing protective masks and visors in school, especially in inside areas where social distancing is not possible. Parents may choose to wear masks at the school gate and when dropping their children off at Nursery. Parents will be required to wear one if they come to the office.

As you can probably imagine, re-arranging the school day to ensure that all the effective measures are in place has been difficult and complicated. The start of school for Nursery children is different than for the other children, and we have tried to simplify this for you as much as possible.

This means that **all entry and exit will be through the Elmfield Avenue gate** and we have to reduce the number of adults that are allowed in the Nursery building.

Punctuality is going to be extremely important to help the start and end of school run smoothly.
Please make sure you are always on time for your child at drop-off and pick-up.

All children who have been to the nursery before will start at 9am.

We will only be allowed a short settling time on your child's first day back for parents to come into the building. Staff will welcome you at the gate and sanitise hands. Staff will of course be sensitive to your child's needs. Children will then say goodbye to parents and carers at the gate.

All children will enter and exit through the Red Bears door. Staff will support the children to put away their things and hang up coats.

Nursery starts at 9am (New children have been given a specific start time to come in, meet staff and help settle the children on their first day)

Half-day children will be collected from the Elmfield Avenue gate at **12 - midday**

The afternoon session begins at 12.30

The end of the Nursery day is 3.30 all children will be collected from the Elmfield Avenue gate.

We are very keen to ensure that good communication between staff and parents is possible.

On the first settling in days, parents have an opportunity to share important information with staff.

As staff will be on the gate daily at the start and end of every session, we will make sure we are available to talk and pass on information. If you need to have a longer meeting with a member of staff, you can arrange this by emailing the office at the address at the top of this letter. In addition to this, we are looking in to how we will manage meetings and conferences with you remotely so that you receive all the information you need about your child's learning.

What your child needs for their first day

When your child arrives at school on their start date, they will **only** need:

Appropriate clothes and shoes for the weather and for active and messy play. Clothes that children can take off and put on independently are a must – e.g. Velcro fastenings on shoes.

Please **label** your child's clothes with **name** and **class**. No jewellery please.

Your child will also need a **spare change of clothes** in a bag with **wet wipes** in case of accidents.

A labelled **water bottle**.

If your child had a **book bag** from Rokesly Nursery, please bring that in on your first day. Once every child has started school, book bags and reading books will be organised for home reading.

Please don't send your child in with toys, snacks or other items. Thank you.

Please can I also remind you that all children should be toilet trained before starting nursery. Staff will only be able to direct them to clean themselves if they have difficulty. Please take the time before starting school to remind them about keeping themselves clean after going to the toilet. Thank you.

Starting Nursery is a huge step for children. Your child may be excited or nervous about their new class. Please make sure you give them plenty of time to talk, discuss the routines and get them ready for saying goodbye! They are going to have a fantastic time at Rokesly.

There is a helpful video available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=yysmV9DTFWs&feature=youtu.be>

that you may find helpful when you are talking to your child about starting school.

I am really looking forward to welcoming our Rokesly families back to school and we are all very excited to be working with our new friends in Red Bears and Blue Bears

Best wishes

Grant Bright
Head teacher