

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



♥ We are in this together – even when we are all apart ♥

Wednesday 1st July 2020

Dear Parent / Carers

I hope you and your families are all well and healthy.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your overwhelming support for Rokesly staff during this unprecedented time of difficulty in our community and in our nation as a whole. I also want to let you know how much we appreciate the work you have all been doing at home. It will not have been easy for many of you to cope with the difficult situation of becoming the main teacher for your child with very little notice! From our conversations with you, we know you have been doing an amazing job and we hope that soon we can return to normal once more.

This week, we have continued the process of welcoming even more children back to Rokesly. Our returning Year 1 and Reception children have enjoyed being in school and we have been really happy to have them back. The children have settled into their new rules and systems really well and parents and carers have been overwhelmingly positive about this return to routine.

We are now in the next stages of welcoming our Year 2 children back for transition days in the final week of term. We are also preparing for our new Reception children to visit us and meet their new teachers.

We have also been preparing for September when we hope things will be able to return to a more normal time at Rokesly. Latest news from the government suggests that schools will no longer be required to keep children in small groups, which we hope will mean that we will be able at last to welcome back all our classes for a full week of school. Of course, we will watch official announcements and guidance closely over the coming weeks and over the Summer break to ensure that our children return to the safest environment possible in school.

I am very pleased to be able to tell you about the infant classes for next year. The staff will be visiting their new classes in their pods before we break up so they can introduce themselves to the children. Although you will not have a chance to meet your child's new teacher before the end of term, we will make sure there are opportunities for you to meet staff in September. The teachers will be meeting to discuss your child's attainment and progress as part of our transition work before the end of term.

RED CLASS (Y1 Green) - Becca Furner / Christina Elmes
BLUE CLASS (Y1 Rainbow) - Hazel Joseph
PURPLE CLASS (Y1 Orange) - Natasza Arabska
RAINBOW CLASS (YR Yellow) - Amanda Creque
GREEN CLASS (YR Gold) – Katarina Dentschuk
ORANGE CLASS (YR Silver) - Alice Rosen
SILVER CLASS - Yael Glanvill / Jamie Lee and Anita Sharma
YELLOW CLASS - Saffron Koumbas and Marisa Schultz
GOLD CLASS - Caroline Preston and Sanja Maglajilija
NURSERY - Helen McInerney and Gemma Oktay, Hanim Ibili, Flora Hajipetrou

From **Monday 13th July** we are welcoming the **Year 2** children back to school for Year 2-Year 3 transition days before they move on to their Junior school. In the current climate, our plans remain conditional and may be subject to change at short notice.

During this final week of term, **Year 2** children will be doing transition activities in pods of a maximum of 15 children. Just like with our other returning classes, we feel that it is important that your child is with familiar staff in a familiar environment. To enable this, classes are split into two pods and will attend school for two days that week. Pods will be organised by class teachers. Parents will be told this week which pod their child will be in. Friendship groups will be considered as these groups are put together. The children will be carrying out activities to help them prepare for moving to the Juniors. We will concentrate on giving them back a sense of community, talking about their experiences and worries and talking about their expectations for their next stage of learning. As part of this preparation, their Junior teachers will visit their classrooms. Next year, their Rokesly Junior Year 3 teachers are:

Demetrios Constantinides - Blue
Talia Ross - Red
Jo Neilson - Purple

Thanks to all the Year 2 parents for completing the survey.

In the week of **13th July**, we will also be meeting the **Nursery children** and their parents before they join our Reception classes in September. We are very excited to do this before the Summer and look forward to meeting them and talking about those early steps on their Rokesly journey.

Because of our transition days with new pods of children and adults coming in to school, we will sadly be closing for the end of term to all our Year 1 and reception children on Friday 10th July. That means next week is the last week of term for many of our children and we will be making sure they get to celebrate their achievements.

All children in school will get their end of year reports next week. We will make sure all children receive their report by the end of term.

To prepare for September, we are asking parents to please return any library or school reading books you might have at home. There will be a box for each class pod on the gate for when you bring your child in to school. We will resort the books and restock the library so children can start bringing books home again in the new term.

Because there will be no class photos this year, we could not bear to think that the children would end the year without a memory of all their classmates. We have asked class reps to collect photos of every child so we can create a mosaic class photograph to share with all parents and children. Please check if you have received an email from your class PSA reps. Thank you.

Once again, thank you all for your support. I will continue to share information with you as more becomes available – especially about our preparations for September.

In the meantime, keep safe and well.

Best wishes

Grant Bright
Head teacher