



Autumn term | Issue 1 | September 2020

Rokesly Infant and Nursery School newsletter

TAD days (School closed)
There will no longer be an Infant and Junior school TAD day on
Monday 2nd November
Monday 4th January 2021
Monday 7th June 2021
Bank Holidays (in term time)
Monday 3rd May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new school year 2020-21, especially to our new families joining us to begin their learning journeys at Rokesly. Although some things are a bit different, everyone has settled in really well and we have been delighted to have a school full of children again.

Over the past few weeks, you will have read about our preparations for opening school. As well as getting classes ready and fine tuning the new routines and procedures, staff have also been training to support the children. One way we plan to support the children cope with a return to learning in class is through a system called 'Zones of Regulation'. The system helps children take control of their feelings and how they affect their behaviour, by giving them strategies and tools to cope with difficulties they may experience. We will be talking more about this as the year progresses.

As we start the term, teachers and support staff will be assessing the children to identify gaps in learning and organise support for children who may have missed out important concepts during their time away from school.

I want to thank you all for the incredible support we received during a very challenging time, and for all the positive comments we have received on opening this week. We have all had to learn to adapt to extraordinary circumstances and with your support we will continue to develop our skills and give your children all they need for the next stage of their learning at Rokesly.

We are looking forward to a brilliant year.

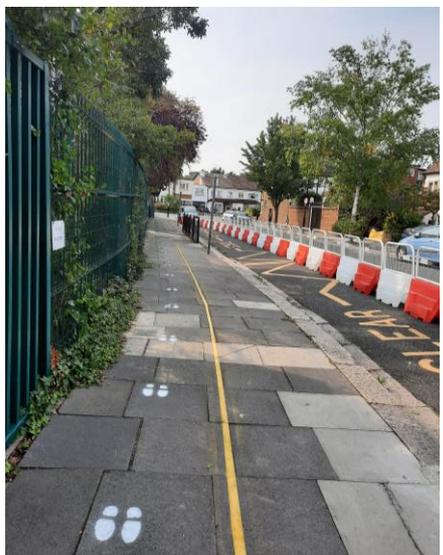
While you were away...

During the summer, we managed to complete lots of works to improve the school. As well as the huge work involved in the upkeep and maintenance of the building, we were very pleased that the Year 2 toilet blocks got a well overdue refurbishment. They have been transformed. Year 1 toilets will be next!



Entry and Exit

Thanks to all our parents for the support you have given us during these first few days of opening. To reduce congestion, we are asking that parents of the first class – Blue, Orange or Yellow – please line up along the fence inside the yellow line markings. Any waiting parents should wait by the red and white barrier until it is time for their class. This will help us to ensure there is space for parents and children to move along the pavement. The system has greatly improved over the week, thanks to your help. Please be prompt to collect your child.



Welcome back !

The children have really been amazing this week. They have settled down to learning quickly and got busy in every class. Well done children!



We have set up virtual curriculum meetings for all year groups in the coming weeks so you can find out more about the learning activities and experiences your child will be engaged in over the coming term. Look out for your emailed letter.

Clashes due to new staggered times

As you will know, because of our need to control transmission of covid-19, we have had to implement staggered entry and exit times. To ensure that there is no loss of learning time, we have reduced all of our lunch breaks by 20 minutes.

As the Juniors have a similar system, this has meant that a small number of parents have experienced clashes as they collect siblings from the different schools.

Mrs Soneye-Thomas and I have discussed this and it will be tricky for Junior children to go to the Infants school to meet their siblings. We have both agreed that instead, staff members at each school will be prepared to look after an individual child for a short time if they cannot be collected on time due to a clash. I apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause, but given the current situation this seems like the most practical solution for both schools.

Parents have also been asking about the use of masks on site.

Although it is not a requirement for staff to wear masks in school, some members of staff will wear masks at times and especially in enclosed spaces when social distancing is not possible.

It is not currently necessary for parents and children to wear masks at the school gate, but we respect the wishes of parents and carers that do.

We do ask that visitors to the front office wear a mask as this area is too small to allow for social distancing.

TERM DATES 2020 – 2021

Autumn 1 2020 **Monday 7th September – Friday 23rd October**

Autumn Half Term Break – Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Autumn 2 2020 **Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December**

Christmas 2020 Break – Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2021

Spring 1 2021 **Tuesday 5th January – Friday 14th February**

Spring Half Term Break – Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Spring 2 2021 **Monday 22nd February – Thursday 1st April**

Easter 2021 Break – Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April 2021

Summer 1 2021 **Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May**

Summer Half Term Break – Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Summer 2 2021 **Tuesday 8th June – Wednesday 21st July**

Summer 2021 Break – Thursday 22nd July – Sept 2021 (TBC)

Remaining TAD days (School closed) 2020-21

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Reminders

Suitable clothes for school

Just a quick reminder that your child should be dressed for the weather, as well as for an active and messy day at school! Please make sure clothes are easy to take on and off, too – especially for the younger children.

Children should not wear jewellery in school.

Footwear needs to be sensible too.

Please make sure shoes are fastened and suitable for running and climbing.

No flip-flops, or exposed toes, please.

Thank you

Reception and Junior School admissions 2021

Don't forget that the admissions portal for next September is open now and closes on **15th January 2021**.

The Online applications portal and Haringey admissions handbook can be found at:

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-primary-school>

Coronavirus reminder - Suspected cases

Any child experiencing any of the following:

- High temperature
- New continuous cough (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)
- Loss / change in smell or taste.

Will be sent home immediately, asked to get tested, and start 10 day self-isolation. Household members should start isolating for 14 days - this is because it can take 14 days for symptoms of the virus to appear. The household should only stop self-isolating if the child having symptoms, has had a negative test. If a child does not get tested, we would still expect them to self-isolate for 10 days if they have been symptomatic. If the child does receive a test, and it is negative, the child and household can stop self-isolation and the child can return to school immediately.

The child's bubble can continue going to school during this time, and will only be sent home if there is a positive test result from someone within their bubble.

Return slip. **We always welcome your views/comments:**

Re: Newsletter No 1 11 / 9 / 20

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

(I have received the newsletter and I have the following comments/queries. Please note, if you do not have any comments you do not need to return this slip).