

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 ♥

Dear Nursery Parents / Carers

Tuesday 2nd March 2021

I hope you and your families are all well.

It has been great to be able to see almost all of our nursery children for some sessions over the last few weeks and we are preparing for a return to normal working from Monday 8th March, just as we are in the rest of the school. As I said in my general letter last week, **from 8th March 2021, all pupils should attend school.** We will be returning to running the nursery as it was in the Autumn term.

To remind you:

Nursery starts at 9am

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

Please make sure you are always on time for your child at drop-off and pick-up.

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. To help reduce congestion, we ask parents to line up along the fence and to arrive and drop children off promptly.

Staff will welcome you at the gate and sanitise hands 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. The children have been brilliant at hanging their own coats and getting themselves ready to get busy independently.

Staff changes

As we broke up for the Christmas holiday, we had some slight staff changes in the nursery. Long standing member of the team Hanim Ibili, was appointed to her new role as Nursery Nurse, replacing Silke who left us at Christmas. In this role, she will be involved in observations and parent conferences. We were also really happy to appoint Leah Burrell as Nursery assistant. Leah has been a member of the Rokesly staff in various roles and will be a great addition to the nursery team.

Staff will be wearing protective masks on the gate and in school where social distancing is not possible between adults. They will not wear masks when working in class with the children.

Parents are asked to wear masks at the school gate and when dropping children off at Nursery and also if you need to come to the office.

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

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. Please be sensitive to the needs of other parents and children on the gate. It may not be the best time to talk then, but we will make sure we make time for you as soon as possible.

Once the children are back and settled, we will share details with you about conferences we will be holding remotely so you receive all the information you need about your child's learning.

What your child needs for nursery:

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**.

Book bags – we will be changing reading books on Wednesdays. Please bring in your child's book bag in on Wednesdays only and staff will support children in changing their books. Book bags will also be sent home on Wednesdays.

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

School lunches will also resume from Monday 8th March, so the children who stay for the whole day will no longer need to bring a packed lunch. Menu details will be posted on the school website.

Lastly, can I remind parents about the importance of your child being as independent as possible in their toileting and handwashing. Staff will only be able to direct them to clean themselves if they have difficulty. Please take the time before starting back at school to remind them about keeping themselves clean after going to the toilet. We will be reminding children throughout the day to wash their hands, so please help by practising at home. Thank you.

We are all very excited to be welcoming all of our Red Bears and Blue Bears friend back to nursery next week.

Best wishes

Grant, Helen and the Nursery team