

# 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**

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

Dear Parent / Carers

Friday 26th February 2021

I hope you and your families are all well and coping with lockdown and the difficulties it has brought. Thanks everyone for doing such a fantastic job at home, engaging with our remote learning. We are very excited that the children will be returning to school very soon – as I'm sure you are, too!

**From 8th March 2021, all pupils should attend school.** This will not be a phased return. We are working to prepare for this already to ensure a safe return for everyone on Monday morning.

All the measures we are putting in place 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 **all people who are ill stay at home**
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- twice-weekly staff testing (lateral flow test)
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace – please continue to notify the school of any positive cases within your family to **covid-report@rokesly-inf.haringey.sch.uk**
- staff in communal areas are required to wear masks (not children)

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

- group children and staff together in class groups inside during the school day (at lunchtime, the children will play in year groups outside and stay in class groups inside)
- avoid larger gatherings like assemblies
- avoid contact between groups wherever possible – we have separate toilets, playgrounds and staggered entrance, exit and dining arrangements
- arrange classrooms to maximise space

Just like in September, the children will still have a slightly staggered start in the mornings and at pick-up to reduce congestion at the school entrances. The designated entrances for each year group will stay the same. Parents will still not be allowed on site unless it is an emergency and all adults will still be asked to wear a mask at drop-off and pick-up. To ease congestion on the pavement outside school, we are asking all Reception parents to come into the playground to drop and collect children.

**It is vital that all parents arrive on time at each end of the day.**

All the details about class timings can be found overleaf.

All children will be in school for the full day. To compensate for staggered start and end of the day, we have reduced lunchtime so that no learning time in class is lost. Nursery children will return to their am/pm and full time arrangements Lunch arrangements will resume. However, the children will be in class pods during lesson time and then year group pods for break times and lunchtime.

We are working with the YMCA to start breakfast and after school clubs as soon as possible. These will continue in Year group pods and I expect to share information with you very soon. Other school clubs will resume after the Easter break.

In order to reopen, the school has had to carry out a full risk assessment and share it with the local authority, relevant unions and the governing body for ratification. Once it has been agreed it will be available on the school website before school begins on Monday 8th March. In the meantime, I will ensure that any changes, information or new guidance we receive in school is shared with you as soon as possible.

To give teachers the time they need to come in to school and prepare their classrooms, we will close our provision for vulnerable children and children of critical workers for one day on Friday 5th March. That day, there will be remote learning activities for all children, but we will not hold our morning zooms and teachers will not be available to respond to your emails on that day. **Class emails will now be closed.** Remote learning will only be available to support children who are asked to isolate.

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating **World Book Day**, and all classes will be having their own dress-up zoom. We are really looking forward to seeing you all there. Your teacher will send you details about World Book Day activities next week.

### What your child needs for their first day

When your child arrives at school on Monday 8th March, they will **only** need:

Appropriate clothes and shoes for the weather and for active and messy learning. Please **label** your child's clothes with **name** and **class**.

A labelled water bottle.

Their **book bag** and **all reading books** they have been given during lockdown

All work books. This will include writing books, maths books and One Decision books in Year 1 and Year 2. Reception Special book, Workbook, Blue Book and any other booklets the children have made, e.g. Tall Book and Dear Zoo book etc.

We are all really looking forward to seeing you and your children on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September**.

Grant Bright  
Head teacher

### Here is a reminder of the planned start and finish times for each class:

- **Reception** children will arrive at school through the **Year 1 (pencil playground) gate** and wait in the playground – Yellow and Gold will line up on the footsteps. Silver class will line up by the Silver class gate. Staff will be there to guide you!
- Arrival times for your child's first day are below
- Reception parents will drop and pick up children from the playground. We have made this change to further reduce congestion at the gate and on the pavement on Hermiston Avenue. **Please do not let your child play on the playground equipment!** It is vitally important that you arrive at the correct time and **leave the school premises promptly** to allow for the next group to arrive in the playground safely. Thank you

	Yellow	Silver	Gold
Start time	8.55	9.05	9.15
Entrance	<b>Y1 gate – Pencils playground</b>		
	Line up on footsteps	Line up at Silver class gate	Line up on footsteps
Lunch - 11.50-12.50			
Afternoon session - 12.50			
End of day	3pm	3.10	3.20

- **Year 1** children will arrive at school through the **main school entrance gate**.

	Orange	Rainbow	Green
Start time	8.55	9.05	9.15
Entrance	<b>Main entrance gate</b>		
	Y1 fire door	Y2 fire door	Y1 fire door
Lunch	12-1pm Lunch		
End of day	3pm	3.10	3.20

- **Year 2** children will arrive at school through the **Year 2 playground gate**.

	Blue	Purple	Red
Start time	8.55	9.05	9.15
Entrance	<b>Y2 playground gate</b>		
Lunch	12.30-1.30		
End of day	3pm	3.10	3.20