

# 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

Wednesday 26th August 2020

I hope you and your families are all well and having an enjoyable summer break.

In school we are busy preparing for the start of the term on Monday 7th September. We expect that all children will return to school in the Autumn and we are making changes to ensure a safe return for everyone. Government guidance for schools was issued on 7th August. Although updates may still be possible, we are using this information to plan.

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

To reduce contacts and maximise distancing between people in 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

When we return, the children will still have a slightly staggered start in the mornings and at pick-up to reduce congestion at the school entrances. We have also designated entrances to each year group for this reason. Parents will still not be allowed on site unless it is an emergency. We are, however, welcoming our new Reception parents into the playground to help settle their children when they start. All the details about start times can be found overleaf.

All children will be in school for the full day, apart from those Reception and Nursery children who will be having their induction periods as planned. Normal 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.

Because the expectation is to limit the number of interactions that children are having with others, the YMCA will not yet be able to offer breakfast and after school clubs. They will be conducting a parent survey soon to ascertain whether or not there is a demand for their provision.

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 7th September. In the meantime, I will ensure that any changes or new information we receive in school is shared with you as soon as possible.

I am really looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 7th September

Best wishes

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.
- Arrival times for your child's first day are below
- During your child's settling in week, the children will be collected from the same playground after lunch.

Collection times for this week are:

**Yellow** 1pm      **Gold** 1.10pm      **Silver** 1.20pm

- Reception parents will be allowed on the school site to help settle the children

	Yellow	Gold	Silver
Usual Start time	8.55	9.05	9.15
First day for new children only	9.20 – 1pm	9.30 – 1.10	9.40 – 1.20
Entrance	<b>Y1 gate</b> – Pencils playground		
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	Main entrance gate Y1 fire door	Main entrance gate Y2 fire door	Main entrance gate 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 gate</b>		
Lunch	12.30-1.30		
End of day	3pm	3.10	3.20