

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a school uniform?

The current school policy is not to have a uniform apart from Physical Education where children are required to wear the blue Rhodes Avenue Polo shirt and blue shorts/track suit bottoms.

What is the policy on admissions?

Policy for admissions is set by the Local Authority. Eligibility is determined by the distance from the school; currently this is set as a radius of 0.331 miles from the school. There are special provisions for children in care and those with siblings attending the school. Please contact the administration office for the latest figures regarding distance.

When should I register my child for a place?

Nursery

If your child is aged 3 between 1st September and 31st August please collect an application form from the school office. Applications should be returned by 1st March.

Reception

If your child is aged 4 between 1st September and 31st August, please contact Haringey Council: (020 8489 000) <http://www.haringey.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

Can I visit the school before registering my child?

Call the school office to book a tour (020 8888 2859). Prospective Parent tours take place on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Check the school website (<http://www.rhodes.haringey.sch.uk>.) for forthcoming dates.

Does the school provide school meals?

All children at Key Stage 1 are eligible for free school meals. From Key Stage 2 they can opt to bring a packed lunch if they prefer, with changeovers taking place at half term.

Access to the school and security

The school hours are from 8.55 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. (unless children are involved in an Extended Day activity – see below). During school hours the gates are closed. Visitor access is monitored and visitors are required to sign in and out at reception and wear photo ID whilst they are in school.

I need to bring my child to school by car. Can I park?

There is no parking at the school. Parents are asked to show courtesy and respect for local residents and double parking is strongly discouraged.

Are there out-of-hours facilities for children?

The school offers Extended Day facilities. The school runs a Breakfast Club from 7:45 – 9:00 a.m., offering breakfast and supervised activities, and an After School Club from 3.30 until 6 p.m. with a light tea and supervised activities. Further information about activities, charges and the use of child care vouchers is available from the school office.

My child needs to miss class. What do I do?

In the case of sickness or lateness, please inform the school by telephone (0208 888 2859). To apply for authorisation for absence, please write to the Head or email the school office: office@rhodes.haringey.sch.uk.

How do I find out what my child is learning?

At the beginning of each academic year all year group teachers give a class meeting for parents which provides an overview of what is going to be taught, class routines, home learning expectations and timings and details of school trips, workshops or events. This information is also outlined in the Year Group's termly class letter (three per academic year), this document is available to download from your child's Year Group page on the school's website (<http://www.rhodes.haringey.sch.uk>). Furthermore there are three parent consultation evenings (Autumn/Spring/Summer) per year where parents/carers can discuss their child's progress and receive a written report (English and Maths) and targets for the academic year. In the Summer term parents will receive the *Annual Report to Parents*.

What happens at school assemblies?

There are a range of formats for school assemblies: Class, Achievement, Thematic (for example: Bullying, British Values, Friendship or E-safety) and Global Citizenship/Personal Social Health Education Assemblies. Schools are required to follow the DfE's guidance for schools and provide daily 'collective acts of worship'. At Rhodes Avenue Primary School, key stage or whole school assemblies provide opportunities for pupils to affirm core school values such as: compassion, freedom, equality, forgiveness, empathy and kindness in order to promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of our pupils. For government guidance on collective worship and assemblies click on the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/collective-worship-in-schools>

What happens at playtimes?

Playtimes are supervised at all times by teachers and teaching assistants with qualified First Aiders. There are many facilities (for example, *The Spinney*, soft surfaces, seating areas, grass areas, football pitches, climbing frames plus play equipment boxes) and during the Summer term children are supervised (weather permitting) in Durnsford Park at lunch time.

Are there Extra-curricular activities for children to get involved in?

There is an extensive range of supervised extra-curricular activities from yoga to drama, and from our orchestra to athletics. Children are encouraged to take part. Full details of activities offered and charges which apply are available from the school website or office.

What is the school policy on homework?

Age-appropriate home learning is regarded as an important part of children's learning. Parents are encouraged to support their children with their homework. Details of your child's home learning can be found on the termly Class Letter on the Year Group page on the school's website. The Home Learning Policy is also available on-line (hard copies available).

Is my child going to be able to take part in school sports?

All children have two hours of Physical Education each week which includes swimming for the Junior Classes. Rhodes Avenue has been recognized as a Hub school for Sport in Haringey because it provides high quality and inclusive opportunities to participate in a range of sports. All children will participate in sports from Pre-school onwards. There is a termly Intra-school competition, which is open to the whole school, where children participate in a range of sports for their school houses. Rhodes Avenue also competes with other local schools and we take pride in the success of our pupils in competitive sport. Extended sports opportunities (for example, dance, gymnastics, tennis, netball, football, Capoeira) are also available from teaching staff and specialist coaches. Details of the school gym kit are available from the school office.

Does Rhodes Avenue run school trips?

Children in each year group have the chance to go on at least three trips a year to help them explore their curriculum with a £30 ceiling for the academic year, except school residential trips (for example, Pendarren). To make such trips possible the school invites parents to make a voluntary contribution to the cost.

How do I raise concerns about my child with the school?

The school welcomes parents to raise issues or queries so if you have a concern about your child, in the first instance you should raise it with their class teacher. Year Groups and Senior Leaders are all available to listen and respond to any issue raised by parents/carers. To speak to the Head, parents might find it helpful to contact the office to make an appointment.

How can parents get more involved in the life of the school?

There are lots of opportunities for parents to get more involved. There's a lively parent body –RAPSA (<http://www.rhodes.haringey.sch.uk/rapsa>) that runs many activities throughout the year and raises funds for the school. Many parents contribute their time and specialist skills to give talks, workshops or to help with reading and with school music and drama productions. Parents are also elected to serve as Governors on the Governing Body.