



RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer break and have enjoyed spending time together as a family whether that be here or abroad. The staff have had two very productive days of training and are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow.

Please keep an eye on your inbox for school newsletters, invitations to year group meetings and general school communication.

Find below a few gentle reminders help with the smooth running of the school day:

Attendance

Could I please ask for your continued support by ensuring medical appointments, where possible, are made out of school hours and holidays not to be requested during term time. We strive for each child to be in school for **at least** 96% over the year. Parents will be informed if their child's attendance falls below this percentage and those children with good or improved attendance will be celebrated.

The beginning and end of the school day

The main school gate (Rhodes Avenue entrance) will open from 8.30am and the parkside entrance from 8.45am. Any children arriving before 8.30am, for clubs or breakfast club, please use the main school entrance and contact the office through the intercom where Barbara will let you into school (breakfast club for this academic year will be held in the Dining and Performance Hall).

Children in Years 1 to 6 should wait in their playground, before the bell rings at 8.55am, the children will then be collected by their class teacher; if it is raining the children are able to wait inside the main school building. Children arriving after 9am must report to the school office to be registered as late. Children will only be able to access school via the main entrance from 9am onwards. School staff will remain by both gates until they are closed at 9.10am.

The school gates at the end of the day will be opened at 3.20pm for you to collect your children. Please collect your child from the external classroom door, unless it is raining, to ensure class teachers knows your child has been taken by an adult. Parents collecting children in Years 5 and 6 should wait by the fire exits doors in the playground. Children attending after school activities will be collected from the internal doors.

The parkside gate will close at 3.45pm and the main entrance will be managed by the school office until 4.00pm. The gates will open once again for parents collecting their children from any extended school activities at 4.30pm.

The play centre will continue to use the parkside entrance for the after school club. Please use the intercom on the gate where you will be let in by a member of the centre staff.



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Parents of children in Year 5 or 6 who wish for their children to walk to and from school on their own must complete the permission form, this is available from the school office.

We are always here to help and support you as parents. Your child's education and welfare is paramount and we have a deep commitment to an 'open door' policy so please feel free to come in to speak to any member of staff should you have any questions. We do ask that all parents visiting the school sign in at the school office and wear a visitor's badge.

School Uniform

Rhodes Avenue **does not** have a school uniform. However could all children please wear sensible and appropriate clothing and foot wear (no crocs or flip flops) to school. The children are only permitted to wear small stud earrings and these should be removed or covered when the children take part in PE or sports. Children are allowed to wear watches and other sensible jewelry however they must be removed for sports and PE.

The school has a uniform for PE and games which **all** children are expected to wear; this can be purchased via the T2P website school shop.

It is essential, especially within the younger years; to have a spare set of clothing in school should any accidents happen.

The school will not take responsibility for the loss of clothing, can all parents and carers please ensure all items are clearly labeled.

Traffic Notices

Last year drivers may have noticed an increased presence in traffic officers at the start and end of the school day; this was following several complaints from local residents. Could all drivers please consider our local community members and the safety of all Rhodes Avenue children by not double parking, dropping on the yellow zig zag lines, blocking or parking in front of driveways! The school values the local community and we kindly ask that you respectfully follow the parking restrictions in place.

The start of a new school year is always very exciting and the staff can't wait to hear about your summer adventures. This year we have some very sad news to share with the Rhodes Avenue community, please see the attached letter. We will be working together as a school to support each other through this difficult time. If you feel that you or your family need any additional support in talking to your children about the passing of Sidney Cade please do not hesitate to contact a member of school staff.

I would like to welcome you back to the new academic year and I look forward to seeing you by the school gates tomorrow morning.

Best wishes

Adrian Hall
Headteacher