



RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/carers,

I would like to wish all families a very Happy New Year. I hope you have had a restful break and are ready for the term ahead. The Spring term is always very busy with many exciting things planned for the children.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for helping and supporting the school last term whether supporting on school trips, helping in the classroom or by attending any of the RAPSA events; your help is greatly appreciated.

The homelearning survey was sent out before Christmas and we had over 250 responses. Thank you to all parents and carers who shared their views and left useful comments to enable us to develop our approach to homelearning further. We will keep you informed further throughout the term.

A few gentle reminders to ensure the new term runs as smoothly as the last.

Site security

The main school gate (Rhodes Avenue entrance) will be open from 8.30am and the parkside entrance from 8.45am. Any children arriving before 8.30am, for clubs, please use the main school entrance which will be open from 7.40am.

The school day is staggered to allow multiple drop offs. Children in Years 1 to 6 will be taken into school at 8.55am; Years 1 and 2 from their classroom doors and Years 3-6 from the playground. Reception and Hedgehog doors open at 9am and woodpeckers at 8.45am. All children arriving 5 mins after these times must report to the school office to be registered as late. You will be sent an email alert daily if your child arrives at school 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. Please use the intercom for the school office if your child is in Reception to Year 6 and **not** the Nursery button.

The main school gates at the end of the day will be opened at 3.00pm for parents and carers to collect their children from Hedgehogs and the internal gates open from 3.20pm. Only children attending an afterschool club will be dismissed from the internal doors. The parkside gate will be closed 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.

If visiting the school between the hours of 9.10am – 3.20pm please use the school car park entrance, sign in at the school office and when you leave don't forget to sign out of the school building.



We have added additional lighting along the parkside fence to brighten the walk for parents collecting from the ASC on these dark nights.

We are always here to help and support you as parents. Your children'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.

Absence from School

Medical appointments, where possible, should be made for out-of-school hours (i.e. not between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm) and also applications for holidays should not be requested for days/weeks within the Autumn, Spring or Summer terms; authorisation will only be provided in exceptional circumstances. It is vital that you inform the **school office** if your child/children will be absent. Please telephone the school on 020 8826 1896 to leave a message or send an email to reception@rhodes.haringey.sch.uk to report pupil absence by 9.30am. **If we do not receive notification of absence you will receive a telephone call from a member of the office staff.** If your child is sick, please telephone the school on each day of absence. All letters concerning pupil absence should be emailed or handed in to the **school office**. Holiday requests addressed to the Headteacher should be sent in writing or via email to the school office for authorisation.

PE uniform

The school has a uniform for PE and games which children are expected to wear; this can be purchased online from the *School Money* 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.

Community Cohesion

You may have noticed the new signage on the Rhodes Avenue perimeter fence. Following complaints by residents, I please ask that you respect our neighbours by not blocking driveways or double parking; be respectful when arriving at school in the early morning or late evening about noise levels and please do not use the Golf Club parking facilities.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and I look forward to the successful term ahead.

Best wishes,

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