



RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

House Keeping

I hope you have had an adventurous summer, spending time with family and friends. Whether you have been outside climbing trees, taking up a new hobby or enjoying time at home or abroad; it is great to see you all again for the start of yet another school year.

I would like to send a special welcome to all the new families joining the Rhodes Avenue community. I hope your child's time is filled with happiness, learning and excitement.

The start of each new academic year is always very busy, as always many exciting things are planned. We greatly appreciate any support that you can offer, whether it is accompanying children on school trips, helping in classrooms or attending and helping at our RAPSA events; your voluntary work is always greatly appreciated.

A new academic year also provides opportunities to offer gentle reminders about school routines.



We have a new pedestrian entrance where you will be able to access the school between the hours of 9.05am and 3.15pm. This entrance will also be used when dropping off at Breakfast Club and picking up from our Year 1 to 6 After School Club.

Please use the driveway along from the main school entrance on Rhodes Avenue, following the pathway until the crossing and buzz for access to the school.

During the school hours of 9.05am – 3.20pm it is a requirement for all parents and carers visiting the school to sign in at the school office and wear a visitor's badge, unless attending a special organised event such as a class assembly. When leaving the school building, please ensure you sign out at the school office.

Start/End of the school day

The main school gate (Rhodes Avenue entrance) will be open from 8.30am for any before school activities and for the start of the school day. The Parkside entrance will be open from 8.45am.

Dropping off

Children in Years 1 and 2 should wait by their external classroom doors in readiness to be admitted (if it is raining parents/carers and children can wait in the Infant corridor). Children in Years 3 to 6 should go straight to the playground, through the dining room area, and line up when the bell rings at **8.55am**. Children will then be collected by their class teacher (if it is raining, children are able to wait downstairs in the Junior corridor). Packed lunch boxes for children in Years 3-6 should be placed in the outside lockers and not in the lockers outside classrooms.

Parents should say goodbye to their children in the playground to allow the teaching day to start at 9am. All children arriving after 9am **must** report to the school office to be registered as late.

Nursery and Reception classroom doors will close at 9am. This allows parents to drop siblings to their classrooms first before dropping any younger siblings.

Nursery children attending an afternoon session should be brought to school via the pedestrian entrance.



Collection

The school gates, at the end of the day, will open at 3.00pm to allow pick up from Hedgehog or Woodpecker Nursery before the middle gates into the main school open at open at 3.20pm. If you are collecting your child early please do so using the pedestrian entrance.

Only children attending an afterschool club will be dismissed from the internal doors to classrooms (Infant and Junior) – unless it is raining.

The Parkside gate to Albert Recreation Ground will be closed at 3.45pm and the Main Entrance gate 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 from 4.30pm.

Community Cohesion

Good community relationships are extremely important to the school and we value highly all our neighbours therefore it saddens us when we receive complaints about traffic and parking issues. I feel that we should all work together to collaborate with our neighbours. We ask that all parents consider the local community by not blocking driveways or double parking at the start or end of the school day and be considerate about noise.

Communication

We are always here to help and support you as parents and carers through clear and effective channels of communication and accessibility. Your children's education and welfare is paramount and we have a deep commitment to positive relationships so please feel free to come in to speak to any member of staff, or book an appointment via the Reception i-pad, should you have any questions, worries or concerns.

If you have changed your contact details over the summer please make sure you send your new contacts to the school office.

Attendance/Punctuality/Sickness

The school days begins at 8.55am and children will be recorded as late if they arrive after 9am. Medical appointments, where possible, should be made for out of school hours and holidays are not to be requested during term time. It is vital that you inform the school office if your child/children will be absent. Please telephone the school on 020 8888 2859 (option 1) 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 or text 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 (joanne.tillson@rhodes.haringey.sch.uk) or handed in to the school office. Special leave should be put in writing or emailed and addressed to the Headteacher for authorisation.

P.Ed. Clothing/Lost Property

The school has a P.E. Kit for physical Education and games which children are expected to wear; this can be purchased online through uniform-me.com/Rhodes-Avenue. You are also able to purchase a school fleece or bookbag via this website. All goods will then be delivered directly to your home.

Lastly, by labelling your child's clothing (particularly coats and jumpers) you increase the likelihood of finding and identifying lost clothing. Unfortunately the school cannot take responsibility for the loss of clothing.

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



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