

Frequently Asked Questions 2024

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. See [Uniform Policy](#).

What is the policy on admissions?

Policy for admissions for Reception – Year 6 is set by the Local Authority. Eligibility is determined by the distance from the school. Admissions to our nursery are arranged by the school. There are special provisions for children in care and those with siblings attending the school. Please visit Haringey.gov for the latest figures regarding distance and to use the Haringey's Distance Calculator: <https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-admissions/find-your-local-schools>

When should I register my child for a place?

Nursery: If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 please complete an on-line application:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RhodesAvenueNurseryApplicationSeptember2024>

The closing date for Nursery applications is 15th January 2024.

Reception: If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, please complete an online application via Haringey's admissions website:

<http://www.haringey.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

The closing date for Reception applications is 15th January 2024.

Can I visit the school before registering my child?

Prospective Parent tours take place on Thursdays at 9.45 a.m. Check the school website for forthcoming dates and to register: <https://rhodesavenue.school/our-school/admissions/>

Please be mindful that there are limited places on each tour and we ask Parents and Carers to only book for one tour.

Does the school provide school meals?

For the 2024/24 school year, all KS1 and KS2 children are eligible for free school meals as part of the Mayor of London's Universal Free School Meals programme. Nursery children can choose school dinners (for a charge) or packed lunch. Parents must inform the school about their child's meal preference (packed lunch or school dinners) at the beginning of the school year and update the school if there are any changes.

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. Please do not park in the staff car park or block the gates. Parents are asked to show courtesy and respect for local residents - double parking is not allowed.

Are there out-of-hours facilities for children?

The school offers Extended Day facilities. The school runs a Breakfast Club from 7:40 – 9:00 a.m., offering breakfast and supervised activities, and an After School Club starting from end of school until 6.p.m. with a snack and supervised activities. Further information about activities, charges and the use of child care vouchers is available on the website and from the school office. <https://rhodesavenue.school/parents/after-school-clubs/>

Please email clubs@rhodesavenue.org.uk if you need further information.

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

In the case of on-the-day sickness or lateness, please inform the school by telephone (0208 8261 1895). To notify the school about a scheduled absence (medical/dental appointment, music/dance exam etc.) and to apply for term-time absence authorisation, please email the school office: attendance@rhodesavenue.org.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 (<https://rhodesavenue.school/>).

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, key stage or whole school assemblies provide opportunities for pupils to affirm core school values such as: Cooperation, Community, Creativity, and Consideration 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 including the Spinney, soft surfaces, seating areas, grass areas, football pitches, climbing frames plus play equipment boxes.

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. Many are external and have their own policies/procedures that are separate from the school. <https://rhodesavenue.school/parents/extra-curricular-clubs/>

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 nursery 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.

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).

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 (<https://rhodesavenue.school/parents/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.