



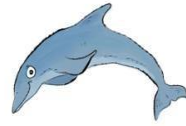
Rode Heath Primary School

"Inspiring learning; nurturing minds; achieving for life."

September 2024



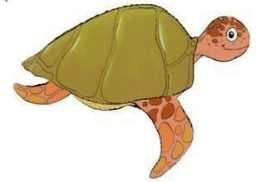
Curiosity



Teamwork



Fairness



Resilience

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy September! I am really looking forward to seeing the children back at their desks, working hard and enjoying the many exciting activities planned by their teachers and support staff. Firstly, I would like to give an extra special welcome to all our new children in Pre-school, Reception and the small number of children who have joined classes throughout the school.

At the beginning of the academic year, one of our main priorities is to establish routines for both children and parents/carers. The information below is to help communicate some of these routines.

School Day

Pre-School: 9am until 3pm

Reception and KS1: 8:45am - 3:15pm

Key Stage Two: 8:50am - 3:20pm (doors open from 8:40)

Please note that there is no supervision before 8:40am and **unaccompanied children should not be on the school site before this time**. If your child arrives after the start of the school day, they must enter the building by the front entrance. This will cause an added delay to your child's learning and disrupt the start of the school day for other learners. **Please ensure your child is on time with all of the necessary school equipment, PE kit, lunch box etc., in order to make the most of each school day.**

Changes to Penalty Notices

Arrivals after the close of the register are given an unauthorised code. Persistent lateness and absence is monitored by the Education Welfare Officer and in accordance with Cheshire East.

With the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, Cheshire East have made the following changes which have already come into force:

- Fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.
- Fines may be issued when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period; however, a Penalty Notice may be issued before this threshold is met if it is felt parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays.

Further information on the DfE guidance can be accessed via this link: [Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\) \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/121212/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance.pdf)

School Office

The office is open from 8:30am until 3:30pm each day (term time only). This is to ensure we maximise our funding to support the education of each and every child. Outside of these hours parents/carers can leave a message that will be acted upon as soon as possible. Contact for our **All Stars before and after school provision (outside of office hours) is via 07778027570.**

Illness

If your child is ill and will not be attending school, please phone the school from 8:30am on the first morning of the illness to speak to a member of staff or you can leave a voicemail prior to this time. If we have not received a phone call by 9.15am the school office staff will contact you by phone asking you to contact school immediately. The safety of your child is paramount.

Newsletters/Letters

The school newsletter is the main source of practical information provided to families and is produced monthly. Please read the newsletters carefully and make a note of the information relating to your child. Feedback on the newsletter and information provided is very useful and would be gratefully received. Where possible all letters are sent out via email. Copies of all letters and newsletters can be found on the school website. We encourage parents to contact the school office with their e-mail address should there have been any changes. Please note it is your responsibility to make the school aware of any changes.

Home-School Communication

We pride ourselves on always being approachable to parents/carers. Parents/carers are encouraged to speak to class teachers or senior staff if they are concerned about their child's welfare or educational progress. However, the start of the school day is very important for all children so I would ask parents/carers to be mindful of this when speaking to teachers before school. If you feel your discussions need longer than a few comments please contact school to make an appointment or speak to me as I will always be outside the front of school every morning.

Parents/carers are encouraged to write messages pertinent to that day in your child's reading diary. However, children must bring this to the attention of their teacher as the reading diaries are only routinely checked once a week.

Parent/Carer Transition Meetings

In order to aid transition into your child's new class the teaching staff will host a Meet the Teacher meeting via Zoom. These meetings are to give parents/carers a greater insight into the curriculum areas that will be taught, the new routines of particular classes i.e, timetable, homework cycle etc, and plans for the rest of the academic year. These meetings will take place over the next few weeks on the dates below. Please note that the pre-school and reception meetings will be held in school.

Class Teachers	Date	Time
Mrs Adams / Mrs Barnett	Wednesday 25 th September	5:30pm
Miss Ward / Miss Scott	Wednesday 11 th September	5:30pm
Miss Moss	Wednesday 18 th September	5:30pm
Mr Randall	Thursday 12 th September	5:30pm
Mrs Pecora / Mrs Wiskow	Wednesday 11 th September	6:30pm
Miss Watson	Thursday 19 th September	5:30pm
Mr Scott	Thursday 12 th September	6:30pm

Please also note that your Zoom invitation to these meetings will be sent to the e-mail address we have on file at school on the day before the meeting. **We request that your username is that of your child or your family name so that we can securely admit you into the meeting. If we cannot verify who is on the call you risk not being admitted.** Please inform the office immediately if your e-mail address has changed.

Reading Diaries

We have now handed out all of the reading diaries so please ensure that you update the permissions section as soon as possible so we can update our systems. Year 5 and 6 children need to also bring back their walking home permissions slip by the end of this walk in order for them to be able to walk home by themselves; this will commence next week.

PE Lessons/Daily Mile

Children are to wear PE kit on their allocated PE days. This will maximise curriculum time without the need for getting changed in already small classrooms. **Please note your child's PE days will be available on the class pages from this Friday.**

All Rec to Yr 6 pupils will be walking or running the daily mile track on the days that they don't have an allocated PE session. As the track is made from artificial grass, children can wear shoes to complete this activity. Children who choose to 'run' the daily mile ideally should wear running shoes or trainers. These can be brought in daily or left in lockers/cloakrooms.

School Meals

The current school meal menu, which runs until mid-October, is on the school website. Please follow the link: <http://www.rodeheath.cheshire.sch.uk/page/school-dinners-menus/5687> This link also explains how parents pay for meals (Pre-School children and children in Years 3 to 6 only) .

Due to Cheshire East ceasing trading, they have withdrawn the offer of a morning snack (toast). We will re-visit this in January when we change to a new catering provider.

Health and Safety

Anaphylaxis – Allergy to Nuts

We insist that children **do not bring nuts and products containing nuts into school**. We currently have two children in school with allergies who require an epipen on site should they come into contact with nuts. The school kitchen has had this policy in place for a number of years and we request that this is the case for packed lunches and also break time snacks.

This includes some cereal bars and chocolate bars that contain nuts. The children will be reminded about this in an assembly and it will be reiterated that they have a responsibility to support and protect their friends in our caring community. More information about anaphylaxis can be found at <http://www.epipen.co.uk/>

School Equipment / Uniform

With limited cloakroom space within school, we request that children refrain from bringing large bags/rucksacks. We encourage the children to bring their homework and reading materials in a school book bag (or a satchel of the same size). Also, please can any snacks or water bottles sent in with your child **NOT** be placed in reading folders as we are regularly throwing books away due to water and food damage.

The school has always aimed for a straight-forward and pragmatic uniform policy for all parents/carers to follow ie, plain black shoes, boots for the winter months (should they be needed), hair accessories of school colours with the minimum of detail and single ear-studs. No make-up or nail varnish is permitted. More details available from this link. <http://www.rodeheath.cheshire.sch.uk/page/our-uniform/11089>

Our school website is regularly updated with school information. This monthly newsletter, parent letters and school holiday dates can all be found on our website.

Our school Facebook feed is also updated regularly. <https://twitter.com/rodeheathschool>
www.facebook.com/rodeheathschool

PTFA

Our fantastic PTFA have organised for us to be part of the Asda Cash Pot for Schools scheme. All of the information is on the next page and further details are on the PTFA Facebook page.



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Kind regards,

John Frankland