



Rode Heath Primary School

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Rode Heath
PRE-SCHOOL

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a restful and healthy half term break even though the weather was typically British and unpredictable.

As we return to school, the situation regarding the Covid-19 Pandemic has clearly intensified with additional restrictions being imposed nationally. Thus far we have managed to avoid closing any 'bubbles' and therefore we feel school life disruptions have been minimal. We would dearly love to maintain our current routine and therefore ask for your help in abiding by our staggered start times, by the wearing of masks on school premises and by not congregating outside the school premises. All of these small requests help keep our school community safe and promote confidence that we are doing everything possible in order to remain a 'covid free' site.

The start times to the school day are outlined below. We have noticed that some year groups are starting to arrive earlier than their designated time. Please do adhere to the times set as we cannot supervise children who arrive early and having large clusters of children clearly contravenes our safety measures.

Start Times

Year Group	Start Time
Pre-school	9:15
Reception	8:50
Year One	9:00
Year Two	9:10
Year Three	9:10
Year Four	9:00
Year Five	8:50
Year Six:	8:40

Additional Measures in School

Due to the increase in Covid-19 cases, we are increasing the amount of time children are spending outside as well as ensuring that doors and windows are kept open for large periods of time in order to increase the airflow and ventilation in class. As the weather gets colder, this will obviously impact on the temperature in and around school. Therefore, we ask that pupils wear sufficient and appropriate clothing in order to remain at a comfortable temperature throughout the day.



School Dinners

We are delighted to announce that we have a new permanent school cook; Mrs Angie O’Leary. Mrs O’Leary has a wealth of cooking experience and her previous role was a school cook in a large primary school. Mrs O’Leary is looking forward to “becoming an integral part of Rode Heath School, getting to know the children and feeding them good wholesome, healthy food.”

Daily Mile

Children are now well used to completing the ‘daily mile’ on non-designated PE days and it has become a welcomed activity for most children. Even though the track itself is artificial, the boundary remains turf and is muddy at this time of the year. If you do want to send a spare set of clothes in for children to keep on their pegs or in lockers, in case of falls, then please do.

Parents’ Evenings

Our Parents’ Evenings will commence next Monday (9th November) and run for 2 weeks. Due to the current Covid-19 guidance, parent consultations will take place in the form of a phone call. Parents should book a slot through the usual Scopay system and ensure they are available to receive the call. Please note we will use your main contact number for the consultation and staff will be ringing from the school number. If families require two consultations, please email the office to arrange. Booking will open today and close on Sunday the 8th November at 8pm.

Mon 9th	Tues 10th	Wed 11th	Thurs 12th	Fri 13th	Mon 16th	Tues 17th	Wed 18th	Thurs 19th	Fri 20th
Reception	Year 5	Year 1	Year 2	Reception		Year 5	Year 1	Year 2	
3.30-6.30pm	4.00-7.30pm	3.30-6.30pm	4.00-7.30pm	4.00-7.00pm		4.00-7.30pm	3.30-6.30pm	4.00-7.30pm	
	Year 6	Year 4	Year 3			Year 6	Year 4	Year 3	
	4.00-7.30pm	4.00-7.00pm	4.00-7.00pm			4.00-7.30pm	4.00-7.00pm	4.00-7.00pm	



Remote learning

As a school we have taken many steps in order to be prepared should a class 'bubble' need to close or should pupils need to self-isolate. We felt our online learning in the summer met the needs of our families, however, going forward we are looking at ways in which we can best replicate the classroom experience for those at home, including more responsive feedback of work. With that in mind, we have bought into some new IT initiatives which your child will start using shortly. EdShed passwords will be available in reading records and this programme we have bought specifically in order to try and improve the spellings of our pupils. Pupils can play games as well as complete tasks and spelling lists generated by the class teacher. For our younger children, EdShed also has a phonics section. The second programme we have purchased is SeeSaw and this is a learning platform that allows pupils to complete tasks set by uploading work, responding verbally or by answering questions immediately via the learning platform. Teachers are then able to respond to tasks submitted through a variety of ways.

Homework tasks in the next couple of weeks will be tasks set that allow your child, and you as parents to become familiar with this new way of working. Please ensure your child engages with these as this is likely to become our prime way of communicating and setting work if we do have to close any year group bubbles. Any families who struggle with either the amount or the quality of IT devices at home, please email headofschool@rodeheath.cheshire.sch.uk , so that should an isolation period occur, your child won't be disadvantaged because of resources.

PA

As always a huge thank you to our wonderful PA who continue to come up with new and innovative ways of generating funds for our school. Like all sectors, Covid-19 has had a severe impact on the school budget due to all the additional measures we've had to put in place. The pumpkin trail was a lovely idea and I know enjoyed by many children over the half term. Also the virtual Halloween balloon race has provided much excitement for the children, as well as the staff. A huge thanks to Mr Barratt who has put a clothes recycling bank on the school site. This is being regularly used and has already raised over £100 in funds for the school.

One way in which you can help school to raise funds is to use Amazon Smile. If you use Amazon to shop, please consider going through smile.amazon.co.uk . Simply select Rode Heath PA as your charity and every purchase you make will raise funds for our school at no additional cost to you.

As we can no longer run events such as the school discos to raise money, we are having an 'Own Clothes Day' on Friday 20th November. Children can pay £1 in order to wear their own clothes. Please send exact money in with your child to give to their class teacher. Thank you for your support.

Finally, our thanks to you for your messages of support and acceptance of the changes we have had to make in order to keep safe. We do appreciate that sometimes there are 'glitches' in new processes, but do welcome and listen to feedback, even if it's not always possible to change procedures.

Rachel Woollam





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