

### Rainbow Hub Information for Parents/ Carers

Welcome to the Rainbow Hub. Here is some important information about our class.

- Mrs Hall, Miss Whattam, and Mrs Bell are the teachers in the Rainbow Hub.
- Mrs Quinn, Mrs Pugh, Mrs Booth, and Mrs Walker are the assistant teachers.
- Every Wednesday afternoon, the teachers have their time for PPA (planning, preparation and assessment). During this session, the children will have a combination of a PE lesson (with School Sports Network), and an art lesson (with Miss Birch and Miss Embleton).
- Please use your allocated door to enter into Rainbow Hub on a morning, the class will also be released from this door at the end of the day.
- In EYFS and KS1, the school day starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm, the school. The gates open at 8.35am, and we encourage children to arrive promptly ready to start at 8.45am.

### Alternative pick up arrangements

If you have made arrangements for your child to go home with someone different, it is essential you let us know. Please message via SeeSaw as soon as possible, preferably the day before, to allow us to receive the message in good time. For urgent changes on the day, please ring the office.

### Clothing

The children go out to play each day and also have regular outdoor activities. They need to bring a coat to school every day, which will withstand light rain. A hat, gloves and scarf (and wellies) are also a good idea during the cold weather and a sunhat when it is hot. This is particularly important for our Forest School sessions, and they must have warm, waterproof clothing and wellington boots as they will go out in all weathers! Please ensure that all children's clothing is **named** so then it is easier for us to find if it gets misplaced.

Even though we are a no uniform school, we do have a standard of dress that we expect from the children. In order to continue to have a no uniform policy, there are certain criteria which must be followed for the children's comfort and safety.

Please ensure that the children follow this basic dress code:

- No hats/caps indoors
- No jewellery (especially necklaces, as they can be dangerous and could get pulled)
- No dangle/drop earrings. Stud earrings also must be removed.
- No high heels
- No Oodles or onesies - these are not appropriate for school unless it's pyjama day.
- No cropped tops that show stomachs.
- A coat or jacket to school every day, which will withstand light rain.

The children should have clothes labelled with their name.

Please make sure your child comes to school in comfortable and practical clothes for a day in the classroom.

### Drinks in the classroom

The children are allowed to drink water freely during the day. They should bring a water bottle to school that can be kept in a specific area of the classroom and that has their **name on it**. Please encourage your child to take their water bottle home daily for cleaning and refilling.

### Snack

Children will receive a piece of fruit each day, they do not need to bring their own snack. Each morning we provide a breakfast snack for the children. This is not funded by the school and as a result we ask for a small donation from parents of £1 per week. If you feel you can make this donation, this can be paid in cash to the school office or a member of the team. We find that providing this extra snack in the morning helps the children to focus and make the most of their mornings.

### P.E/ Forest School

We will be doing P.E. on Wednesday afternoons and Forest School on Tuesday afternoons for Reception and Thursday afternoons for Year 1 children. Please ensure your child dresses in appropriate clothing on these days.

If your child wears stud earrings, it is school policy that these are either removed for P.E. lessons. Please either teach them to do this themselves or remove them before they come to school that day, as we are not allowed to do it for them. Just a reminder that jewellery (apart from watches and stud earrings) should not be worn at school. Please also make sure that your child brings a bobble on P.E. days if they have long hair.

### Home-School Communication

This year, we will continue to see SeeSaw as our home-school communication system. SeeSaw is a user-friendly app that will be used to share class updates and showcase your children's work. Instructions on how to sign up have already been sent home with the children. If you have any problems with this, please come and chat and we can help you get sorted.

### Reading books

We will hear children read regularly in class, on a 1-1 basis but also in a group reading practice format. The children will regularly bring books from school to practise their reading at home. Children who are accessing our Little Wandle phonics programme will bring home a book to read each week; these are given on Mondays and returned on Fridays. Your child should be able to read this book confidently and fluently with 90% accuracy, only pausing around 10% of the time if they're unsure. This book will also be read three times in school with a trained teacher or teacher assistant, so it is important that books are returned on the correct days so that the children can read the same book at school and home. They will also have a library book which they have chosen and is to be shared with you for pleasure. We highly recommend that you hear your child read for at least ten minutes each day and ask them questions about what they have read as this makes a big difference to the progress they make.

### Homework

We do not ask parents to do specific homework tasks. We will regularly share with you our topic information so that you can keep up to date with the learning the children are doing in school and you may choose to do activities that link to this at home.

### Lunch and Payment

Via the system Appetite, you are able to view the school menu and associated recipes, and place orders for your child's school lunches. The system also helps us to safely cater for children with allergies and intolerances and give parents/carers more involvement in their child's meal choices and nutrition.

You should have received an email with your login details. Please contact the school office if you haven't received this email or need any support with Appetite. All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school meal.

#### Medicines

If your child needs to take medicine during the school day, please take this to reception. You will need to fill out a consent form for us to administer this. For children with inhalers or epipens, please also do this, and we will discuss specific arrangements for your child.

#### Toys

We ask that the children do not bring any toys or footballs into school. We have footballs and playground equipment in school for the children to use.

#### Lost property

We would like to reduce the amount of lost property we accumulate in school. To help us reunite children with lost clothes, it is essential they have names on all items of clothing. Please help us by labelling all your child's property, including water bottles and pack up boxes.

Best wishes,

The Rainbow Hub Team

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