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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Rowan Class! Below is some housekeeping information for reception children.

Travelling to school and gate opening times

If you live in the village, we recommend walking, cycling or scooting to school. We have a bike rack inside the front gate, which you are welcome to use. If you are coming from further away, we ask that you park at the village hall off South Green.

The school gate opens at 8:35am. The main gate is at the front of the school and the back gate, which is open most days, can be accessed via South Green. This is ideal if you have parked at the village hall car park. We ask parents to wait with their children in the playground, at the gate to Rowan Class until the teachers are ready to let the children in at 8:40am.

Collecting at the end of the day

The school day finishes at 3:10pm. Please collect your child from the playground, outside the gate to Rowan Class. Rest assured that if there have been any worries, niggles or concerns we will catch up with you at the end of the day. Anything medical will be reported to you via a note. The school gates are locked at 3:20pm to allow our after school clubs to use the outside area.

Lunches

As you will be aware, your child is entitled to a free school lunch in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. These should be booked on ParentPay at least a week in advance. If you decide to have a packed lunch could you, for the first week or so, let staff know as the children don't always remember.

Independence

Part of the Foundation Stage leaning ethos is that every child is independent. That means that they are able to visit the toilet independently. Of course children have accidents and we are prepared for that, but please do inform the team if your child is still not independent. Please make sure your child has a named bag of spare clothes, in case of emergencies.

We expect that your child will be learning to undress and dress them self independently, should they need to change. To support them in this we ask that they have uniform they can put on themselves. Some children can find tights very difficult at first, and we find that trousers and dresses with zips are much

easier than buttons. Elasticated trousers can also aid independence. Please can shoes or trainers ideally have Velcro fastenings, no laces unless your child can confidently manage them.

Snacks

Your child will receive a fruit or vegetable snack and a glass of milk during the morning, but please let us know of any allergies on the new student form you received.

Uniform and hair

We enclose a full uniform list. Please can you ensure that all clothes are named. All long hair should be tied up at all times, but especially for PE.

Items the children will need every day

Please can you ensure that your child brings a named water bottle, waterproof coat and either a warm hat in winter or a sun hat in summer with them every day. They will also need a book bag (from the uniform provider) or small back pack.

Children will need a named pair of wellies and trainers to leave at school, along with a full set of waterproofs or waterproof trousers. The all-in-one style waterproofs are ideal as they can be popped over uniform at any time.

Absence

If your child is poorly, please contact the school office by telephone before 8:30am. I am afraid that we are not permitted to authorise absence for holidays during term time. If you need to discuss an absence request, please contact the school office in the first instance.

Included in this pack is some information on the Early Years curriculum and a copy of the PowerPoint from today's session. If you have any questions, do get in touch.

We look forward to you joining Rowan Class in September.

Best wishes

Miss Grocutt

Miss Grocutt
Rowan Class Teacher and Early Years Lead