

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Information for children starting school in September



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What time does school start and finish?

School starts at 8.50am but children can be dropped off from 8.40am. School currently finishes at 3.10pm for Early Years children, however this time may change if Covid-19 restrictions are changed. Prior to Covid-19, school finished at 3.20pm for children in Early Years and 3.30pm for the rest of the school.

How can I access school?

Currently we are operating a one-way system which allows school to be accessed from the Richmond Road entrance as well as the Pannal Ash Road main entrance.

Is there parking?

Rossett School Sports Centre has a large car-park which parents can use to drop off, as long as they do so safely and appropriately. There is also street parking on local streets and we ask that you park responsibly and sympathetically to our neighbours, if using this option. We do recommend that children walk, bike or scooter to school if possible to ease congestion; however, there are currently no storage facilities for bikes and scooters to be left at school during the day due to the risk of Covid-19.

Is there before and after school care?

Yes. Fun Club (www.funclubs.co.uk) runs before and after school provision for all year groups, including Early Years, which runs 7.30am – 8.50am and 3.30pm - 6.30pm Monday to Friday. Please contact Fun Club for more information. (07882297737 or email rossettacre@funclubs.co.uk) Please note: Fun Club is currently beginning slightly earlier to accommodate our end of the day timings.



What does a typical day look like for children in Early Years?

There is no 'typical' day in Early Years – every day is different; however, we normally spend our mornings on literacy-based activities, including reading, writing and daily phonics lessons. We have daily maths lessons in the afternoons. Throughout the day the children will have a mixture of adult-led inputs, for example, carpet times and focus activities, and child-initiated learning time. During learning time, the children can choose their own activities inside or outside – we play outside all year round! We have a large, open plan classroom, so children have lots of space and opportunity to play with all the Early Years children and adults.



How are Early Years Classes Set?

In Early Years we learn in one open plan classroom, spending some of our time playing and some of our time in class or smaller groups. Initially, we do not set classes. We spend the first half-term getting to know the children and then set the classes, aiming for two classes which are evenly balanced by criteria such as age, gender, ability and additional needs.

How can I contact the teacher?

If you have any questions there are several ways to contact the school. You can email the main office on: admin@rossettacre.n-yorks.sch.uk or telephone: 01423 561579. Regular communication with the Class Teacher and Early Years staff is also available via the Tapestry app/website. This provides an opportunity for photos, commentary and/or messages to be sent between parents and staff.

How will I find out about my child's progress?

We encourage parents to become involved in their child's learning journey and you can contact the teacher or Early Years staff whenever you wish. Our Tapestry system allows for regular contact between parents and staff, providing regular updates on your child's learning. In addition, there are 2 parent consultation evenings a year. In normal times, we also hold regular Open Mornings for you to come to school with your children to celebrate their learning. Due to Covid-19, these cannot currently take place but we are reviewing alternative options available to us.

What is the Rossett Acre uniform?

Boys:

- grey long or short trousers
- a white or light blue polo shirt
- grey or black socks
- navy jumper
- black shoes (not trainers)

Girls:

- grey skirt or trousers
- white/light polo blue shirt
- grey/black socks/tights
- navy jumper or cardigan
- black shoes (not trainers)
- Optional in the summer term: blue and white checked school dress.

Children in Early Years can also wear navy/black joggers to enable free movement in line with the curriculum requirements.



For PE, children can wear navy/black shorts and a t-shirt in their house colour. Your house colour will be communicated by the Early Years team. PE t-shirts with house logos are available from Rawcliffes and Emblazon in Harrogate.

What will my child have for lunch?

Lunch for Early Years children is 11.45 - 1.00pm.

School lunches are free for children in EYFS and KS1. Currently, we have a limited menu due to the logistics relating to Covid-19 and the children have a choice of hot and cold food each day ranging from pasta, pizza, jacket potatoes (cheese/tuna/beans) and sandwiches (ham/cheese).

Children can bring a packed lunch from home if they wish.

How much do school lunches cost?

School lunches are free for children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2. For children in Key Stage 2, they cost £2.15 a day and we ask that they are paid for half termly in advance by electronic payment (Parent Pay).

My child has allergies / can't eat certain foods; can you provide a school lunch for them?

Our school cook, Charlie, is very experienced in catering for children with a range of dietary requirements. Details of any medical and/or dietary requirements will be taken when your child starts school and they will be catered for accordingly.

My child has SEND; How will their needs be met?

Rossett Acre is an inclusive school and to achieve our vision of Excellence and Happiness for all, we aim to meet every child's needs so that they can reach their full potential. Some children may need additional support with their learning or with their emotional needs and we have an Inclusion Manager, Learning Mentor and Nurture team to support children with their needs. Please contact the school office to speak to a member of the Early Years or Leadership team to discuss any specific needs. admin@rossettacre.n-yorks.sch.uk Tel. 01423 561579

Are there any clubs after school?

At Rossett Acre, we pride ourselves on the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities we offer our children. Unfortunately, however, we are unable to offer any clubs at the moment due to the current pandemic. Please see our prospectus for the usual range of activities we are proud to offer.





How can I become involved with school?

Usually we welcome parent volunteers into our school. Currently, however, we cannot accept volunteers on-site but there are still ways you can become involved with school, such as with our fantastic PTA who are arranging virtual events during this time.

How can I be sure that the school is safe for my child in light of the current Covid-19 Pandemic?

Rossett Acre has undertaken a stringent risk assessment in line with current government guidelines. The procedures have been assessed and passed by Red Kite Learning Trust and Rossett Acre Governors. A copy of the risk assessment can be found on our [website](#).

Where can I find more information about starting school?

We have lots of information and videos about starting school on our [website](#). Please don't hesitate to contact the school office if you have any further questions.



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