



Rownhams St John's Church of England Primary School

Starting School 2020



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Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your family to our warm and friendly school. We believe that your child will thrive here, especially as they are about to become part of our community and the partnership between us, the school and you, the parent.

I know that your child will be very happy during their time at Rownhams St John's. Your child is about to embark on seven years of fantastic learning and skills development. During their time with us, we will support your child to become a great learner who also develops as a happy and confident individual who is able to demonstrate our core Christian values of Love, Joy and Responsibility

I understand that whilst it is an exciting time, it can also be a worrying time as you learn about how we work and begin to get to know us.

At any time you are welcome to come in and share your excitement and your concerns.

Warm wishes
Mr Tim Woodford

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Things to bring to school



Uniform – all items clearly labelled

Boys:

- Dark green jumper
- White/green polo shirt or shirt
- Grey trousers/shorts
- Grey/black socks
- Suitable black shoes
- A spare pair of pants
- Warm/waterproof coat
- Wellington boots
- Hat for sunny days

Girls:

- Dark green jumper/ cardigan
- White/green polo shirt or shirt **or**
- Green checked pinafore
- Grey trousers/skirt/dress
- Grey/black socks
- Suitable black shoes
- A spare pair of knickers
- Warm/waterproof coat
- Wellington boots
- Hat for sunny days

PE Kit – all items clearly labelled

- Plain black shorts/leggings
- Polo short with logo
- Jogging suit (plain colour)
- Plimsolls/trainers
- PE kit bag

Bookbag

Your child will need a book bag (available from the school office for £4). We provide a reading diary and books to share. These should be kept in the book bag which needs to be brought into school every day.

Lunch and Snacks

- A hot school lunch is provided free of charge daily for all children from Year R to Year 2 or your child may bring in a packed lunch from home.
- Milk is available each day for free while children are 4 or can be purchased in advance via www.coolmilk.com, once they turn 5.
- A piece of fruit or vegetable is available to all children in Key Stage 1 each day and they may also bring in their own snack (fruit or cheese—no nuts) in a small container if they would like to. Each child will also need a named water bottle.

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Getting to know each other

Home Visit (phone call)

Monday 15th June – Tuesday 7th July

Virtual home visits gives us the opportunity to meet you and your child and find out a bit more about them. This really helps to build a positive relationship.



Virtual School Tour

June

A virtual school tour will enable you to see the Reception classrooms and outdoor spaces. We will also provide you with further information and a chance to meet members of our great team. This will be sent out to you.



Welcome 'Play' Session (subject to government guidance)

Thursday 10th & Friday 11th September

This visit will allow your child to come in to school on their own to become familiar with the Early Years environment and meet staff and peers. It will enable a smooth transition and support your child to feel settled before starting.

(see attached letter for your child's day and time)

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Starting school in September

Starting school is a big step for children and many benefit from a gradual increase in the length of time they spend with us. The table on the next page sets out the entry to school we suggest for your child.

We also understand that lots of children are already used to spending whole days at pre-school or nursery and so may be ready to be full time earlier; please speak to us at your home visit about the hours you think would suit your child best.

Your child may arrive at school via the EYFS classroom door (entrance through playground) between 8.35-8.45am. When your child goes home at 12.00pm or 1.30pm they will leave via the front office entrance to the school. When they are full time and stay all day they will leave at 3.10pm via the classroom doors (through playground).

Please note that the day of starting school is fixed based on date of birth.

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We operating staggered start times in September:

**Miss Ramsdale's Class start at 8.45am
Mrs Garrod's & Miss Adam's Class start at 9.00am**

(Finish times as below)

Week of term	Day	Term of Birth		
		Autumn Birth 1 st Sept 15– 31 st Dec 15	Spring Birth 1 st Jan 16– 30 th April 16	Summer Birth 1 st May 16– 31 st August 16
2 w/c 14.09.20	Monday 14th Sep- tember			First day in school. Home before lunch at 12.00pm.
	Tuesday 15th September		First day in school. Home before lunch at 12.00pm.	Home before lunch at 12.00pm.
	Wednesday 16th September	First day in school. Home before lunch at 12.00pm.	Home before lunch at 12.00pm.	Home before lunch at 12.00pm.
	Thursday 17th September	Home before lunch at 12.00pm.	Home before lunch at 12.00pm.	Home before lunch at 12.00pm.
	Friday 18th September	Home before lunch at 12.00pm.	Home before lunch at 12.00pm.	Home before lunch at 12.00pm.
3 21.09.20	Each day	Home after lunch at 1.30pm.	Home after lunch at 1.30pm.	Home after lunch at 1.30pm.
4 w/c 28.09.20	Each day	Stay all day.	Stay all day.	Stay all day.

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Administration

- Please ensure your details are kept up to date. Any changes can be sent to adminoffice@rownhams.hants.sch.uk. This includes changes to family situations, moving house and especially telephone numbers.
- Sickness - If your child is ill please call 02380 736417 and leave a message on the absence answer phone.
- At the start of term you will be given login details to the school online payment scheme. This will enable you to pay for school trips and (from year 3) school dinners online.

Communication

- Class Dojo App - At the start of term you will be given a login to access your child's Dojo scheme. This is the reward scheme used throughout the school.
- Tapestry - Keep up to date with your child's learning in school by accessing their online journal. More details to follow.
- Newsletter & Blog - Every Friday the school newsletter is emailed directly to you and up to three others. Please ensure we have your correct email addresses. You will be able to read our blog on our school website here: <https://www.rownhams.hants.sch.uk/our-blog/>
- Letters - Please check your child's bag daily and ensure slips, when needed, are returned to us asap. Please check the newsletter for what you should have received that week.

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Term Dates

Term	Start date	End date
Autumn 2020	Thursday 3rd September 2020	Friday 18th December 2020
Half term	Monday 26th October 2020	Friday 30th December 2020
Term	Start date	End date
Spring 2021	Monday 4th January 2021	Thursday 1st April 2021
Half term	Monday 15th February 2021	Friday 19th February 2021
Term	Start date	End date
Summer 2021	Monday 19th April 2021	Friday 23rd July 2021
Half term	Monday 31st May 2021	Friday 4th June 2021

INSET Days

3rd and 4th September

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