

Meanwood Primary School

6th January 2023

We hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This week we have welcomed Mrs Bradley as our new Assistant Headteacher and Reception teacher and Miss Woods as a TA working across the entire school.



Information

Nursery Children

Please send your Nursery children in a warm coat and strong footwear every day. We often go outside and all need to be well wrapped up for the weather! Pull on, zip up or Velcro footwear are preferable to laces, thank you. Please also make sure your child has a pair of *mittens* rather than gloves, as gloves are a little bit too difficult for the children to manage at this age. Many thanks.

Wellies, Wellies and Wellies

Nursery are a bit short of wellies for the children to use when it is raining. If you have any spare wellies in an appropriate shoe size (sizes 7, 8, 9 and 10) which you no longer need, we would be very grateful if you would send them into school for the Nursery collection.

Thank you!

Electric scooter and bikes

School cannot stop children keeping electric scooters and bikes in the bike shed however unfortunately you are leaving it at your own risk. School is not liable for any stolen or damaged property in the bike shed.

Is it illegal to ride a kid's electric scooter?

Under UK law, e-scooters, alongside hover boards and electric unicycles, are considered "powered transporters". This classification means that **it's illegal to use them on pavements, cycle lanes or in pedestrianized areas. You would only be able to use your new scooter on your own private property.**

What are the rules on electric scooters?

Currently, **you cannot use either adult electric scooters or kids electric scooters on public roads, pavements, cycle lanes, cycle paths or in other public spaces.** In the UK, it is illegal to use an electric scooter on public property.

Future intake of children at Meanwood

We have been approached by the Local Authority as they have identified that the birth rate in our locality is dropping and as such there are too many school places available. The LA has opened a consultation which started on Monday 12th December which all staff, governors and parents/carers are urged to consider as this will affect the future intake of places at Meanwood. The proposal is to drop the PAN (Published Admission Number) from 60 to 45 for the Reception intake in September 2024. Other local schools are also in consultation to reduce their numbers too; Meanwood is not the only school in the borough to be affected.

Please have your say on the consultation by scanning the QR code which will link to the consultation from Monday 12th December 2022 and close on Monday 23rd January 2023.

All information regarding the consultation is attached

Reception Class Places for September 2023

The online admissions system opens on Monday 19th September 2022 for Reception Class places in September 2023.

The closing date for applications is 16th January 2023.

You must complete an online application, you will not automatically be allocated a place at your preferred school. This is the link to apply:

<https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals/apply-primary-school-place>

Casual Lunchtime Organiser

We're looking for Casual Lunchtime Organisers to join our fantastic team here at Meanwood.

You will be called on as and when needed to cover for absences and you will supervise and care for the children during the lunchtime break. Salary is £10.50 per hour.

If you are interested please call in to the school reception and ask for an application pack.

Meanwood Facebook page

Please like, share and follow our school Facebook page. We put regular updates on there and share photographs too. To find it please search for Meanwood Primary School and you will see the school logo.

Chat Health - Are you a parent or carer of a child aged 0-19? Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale Children's Integrated Community Health Services have a text messaging service where you can text a health professional for confidential advice. Please have a look at the attachment provided.