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5th September 2025

Dear families,

I trust you all had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to another successful year at Rushey Green. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Governing Body for entrusting me to lead our school. Many of you know, I have been the Deputy Headteacher at Rushey Green for the last 5 years and now it gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Headteacher. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to continue to develop this amazing school onto the next stage of its journey.

My goal is to continue to create a safe school community where pupils grow into caring, responsible and proud individuals who are united. The wellbeing of the children and staff is already at the heart of the school and this is something I will continue to invest in.

Our school values

Resilience

Unity

Self-belief

Honesty

Empathy

Yearning to learn

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Self belief 🦋

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As a teacher, leader and parent, I believe all children should have access to excellent education so I am determined that the school builds on its legacy and continues to flourish and hold a position at the heart of our community.



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Free family breakfast

Every morning throughout the months of September and October, 8.25am-8.45am, we are offering breakfast to all families and pupils. This is a great opportunity to: enjoy breakfast with your child, meet other families and our wonderful chef Paola. We ask that parents/carers stay with your child and then take them to their drop off point at 8.45am.



Research shows family breakfasts can:

- reduce morning stress
- create a calmer start to the day
- provide learning opportunities about nutrition and healthy

We look forward to seeing many families join us in the morning.



Start and finishing times:

School starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm for all year groups.



Members of the Senior Leadership Team will be on duty from 8.45am on both Culverley and Penerley Road. Staff will also be visible at the different entrance points meeting and greeting our pupils. School can be accessed by all children via either the Culverley Road or Penerley Road gate.



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Year 4 pupils should be dropped off in the cage and a member of staff will collect them. Families please collect Year 4 pupils at the end of the school day inside the cage. Safety is paramount so we are asking for families to wait inside the cage at the end of the school day so the teachers can safely dismiss the pupils.

Registration takes place between **8:45am** and **9:00am**. It is essential that all pupils arrive during this time so they can begin their school day promptly and are ready to learn. Any pupil arriving after **9:00am** will be marked as late, if your child arrives after **9:05am** they will be marked as having an unauthorised absence for the morning session, as the registers will be closed at this time.

If your child is late, you will be asked to wait with your child in the main office area until a member of staff collects them and takes them to class. Please ensure you have signed your child in using the signing in system. If you are unsure, a member of the office team will help you.

Gates on Penerley Road will close at 3.30pm. All families will need to be off site.

Absences

Please download the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.



The app is easy to use and will mean you no longer have to call school to report an absence. We kindly ask that when reporting a child's absence, you put as much detail as possible, so that we are able to have it logged on our system.





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Late collections

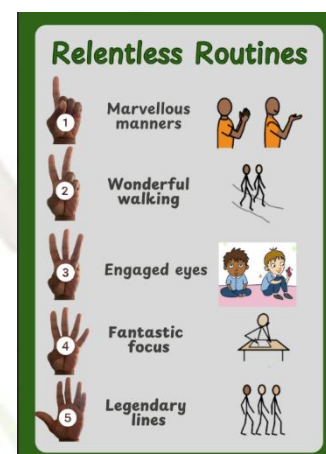
If you are late collecting your child from school, you will need to collect them from the EYFS area. A member of staff will ask you for a reason why you are late and then you will be asked to sign that you have collected your child. As a school, we will track the number of lates each day. If we have any concerns, a meeting will be arranged with parents/carers by a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Behaviour

Implementing a revised version of our behaviour policy whilst keeping behaviour consistently high on our agenda throughout the year will be a priority. By working together, we can ensure that your pupils exhibit the 3 principles of our behaviour policy:

- Be respectful
- Be safe
- Be ready to learn

Our relentless routines ensure consistency which is integral to maintaining a calm and purposeful classroom ensuring: pupils enjoy their time at school, make excellent progress and leave equipped with the necessary skills and positive attitudes to lead successful, fulfilling lives.



It has been lovely to see pupils looking smart and ready to learn. Thank you for your co-operation.

As a school we are committed to developing a wider school community. We welcome your views and we regularly hold a range of workshops which we would love to see you at and share your views - strengthening the school community.



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Contact information

Please log into Arbor to check that your personal details are up to date including:

- mobile number
- emergency contacts
- email address
- your home address



It is essential that we have accurate information on file in case of an emergency. Any updates needed, you can make the changes directly in Arbor. These will automatically sync with our system. If you require support, contact the school office.

Travel to and from school (Year 5 and 6 only)

Your children are our school. Our reputation is built upon the positive attitudes, behaviours and appearance of all the pupils as they travel to and from school. Please remind your child to exhibit their best social behaviours as they travel to and from school. If your child uses public transport, please remind them to be safe whilst travelling. It is important that all our pupils leave home early enough to arrive on time and go directly home immediately at the end of the school day.



Mobile phone/walking home agreement (Year 5 and 6 only)



Some Year 5 and 6 pupils bring a mobile phone into school because they come unaccompanied. If you feel it is essential that your child has a mobile phone with them, please fill in the mobile phone and walking home

agreement and send it to the school office for the Headteacher's attention. **The headteacher will then make a decision on a case by case basis.**



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Allergies

Rushey Green is a nut free school. We currently have many pupils and staff in school with severe nut allergies. Please ensure that you do not send any nut products in your children's lunch boxes. This includes Nutella (and similar chocolate spreads) and of course peanut butter.

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General Reminders

- For any absence from school preceding or following a school holiday, medical evidence is required.
- Special items such as: bangles, toys and fidgets are not permitted in school.
- Water Bottles: Please remember that pupils should only have water in their water bottles.
- **All pupils are entitled to a free school lunch.** We encourage all pupils to have a healthy school lunch. If your child has a packed lunch, they should meet our healthy lunchbox guidelines.
- School provides fruit or vegetables for pupils in Nursery - Year 2

OPAL Play

We are looking to replenish our Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) resources and would appreciate any donations, provided they are clean and in good working order. Finally, we are looking for parent volunteers to volunteer to support our development of OPAL Play every Friday, 9-11am. If you would like to support us, please contact the school office.



Yours faithfully

Miss N Fisher
Headteacher



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