

Our main aim is a love of life and learning.
Happiness is the key and our children's happiness, safety, security and love are at the heart of our achievements for each individual child.



Shawclough Community School Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK

REMINDERS FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

NUTS AND NUT PRODUCTS



2024-2025

Welcome back everyone to the new school year. We are very excited to see all the new children starting in nursery, reception and throughout other classes in the school. Also a big welcome to all the new staff

Countdown begins for a new year 6s who before you know it will be sitting their SATs and applying for high schools and finally...leaving us. (Sob sob)

But for now welcome to all our new families too. We hope you love being part of the Shawclough Family as much as we do.

We wish lots of luck to all our children for the new academic year. May they learn, excel and thrive and have some laughs along the way.

****EXTREMELY IMPORTANT****

Please be advised that children are prohibited from bringing to school any nuts or any foods/products containing nuts.

We have a few children at our school that suffer from severe nut allergies meaning they cannot even come close to someone who has consumed or is consuming nuts. This can be life threatening for those children.

Please ensure you check and check again what your children are bringing into school or what it is you are packing in their lunches.



SCHOOL GATEWAY/COMMS PARENT GUIDE

Schoolgateway



If you are not already on the GATEWAY APP – get it sorted before the new school year!

We would just like to remind you that school use the GATEWAY APP as a means to communicate events and activities and provide a portal for parents to pay/book for items such as tea time club, early start club, trips, dinners, school equipment etc.

Please ensure that you have the app on which ever device you use. Please see below how to register for the app.

If you know of other parents that are not on the GATEWAY App, please urge them to register – it is of benefit to everyone.

To register for the school GATEWAY account you will need to download the school gateway

You can follow us on 

<https://shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk/>

PTA are on



app via App store for Apple devices and/or Play Store for Android devices.

- Go to the login screen on the app
- Enter the same email address and mobile number that is registered with the school
- You will receive an PIN through text
- Enter the 4 digit PIN
- Once logged in, the home screen will be displayed.

SIMs

Similarly, SIMs is used for midterm/end of term reporting. Please ensure you also have SIMs downloaded on your device.



You can only log in to SIMs after an email invitation from school. If you are still not on the SIMs app, please come to the school office and seek assistance.

Picking up children from school early should be avoided at all costs. **Appointments should be arranged out of school hours.**

EARLY PICK UPS AND APPOINTMENTS

We are aware that occasionally this isn't possible but in most cases appointments should be made after 3.15pm. Too many parents are picking up children early and as a result of this, children are missing valuable topic work and learning time in the afternoon.

Any appointment made during the day must be an **emergency only**. Also, children cannot be 'ready' for you in the reception area. You must come into school, fill out an appointment slip – only then will your child/children be brought from classrooms and released to you. We therefore request that you manage your time carefully. Our school is a big school and it takes time to get around – not all classrooms have phones.

Any reason other than an emergency appointment for picking up children early, will require an email to the **head teacher** directly and **only** she can **authorise** this.

DOGS

Please **DO NOT** bring dogs into school grounds.



PLAYGROUND AREAS – OUT OF HOURS

Please be reminded that the playground areas around school are **STRICTLY** out of bounds, out of school hours.



The equipment at the back of the main yard/playground, the muddy area next to reception (with the big slide) and the nursery garden at the back of school, are all areas that must not be used by children before 8.30am and after 3.15pm.

Any resources left out in playground areas are the property of the school and will be collected in when it is convenient for staff to do so – please do not assume it is 'lost' or 'dropped' by someone. It is NOT ok for your children/child to take it. If you genuinely believe that your child to take something that has been 'found', please hand it in to the office.

Please also be aware that if your child were to have an accident or injure themselves in anyway there may not be a first aider onsite.



STAFF CARPARK

The staff carpark is for **STAFF ONLY**. Unless you have been given special dispensation from the Head Teacher or have blue badge please **DO NOT** use the staff car park to pick up and drop off your children to and from school.

Please park outside of school when dropping children off to early start club. Staff are trying to access the carpark at these hours and are often held up and delayed due to parents taking up spaces for a quick drop off.

Shawclough school is **CASHLESS**. We accept payments by **CARD ONLY**. Please ensure you have downloaded the **GATEWAY APP** to receive information about school and make payments.



FUN WITH TIMESTABLES

Is your child struggling with their Timetables?

Have a look on the TTRockstars webpage below to see how to best support your child with their continuous timetables practice whilst having fun!

trockstars.com/parents/

[What's included?](#)

[Importance of timetables](#)

[TTRS intro video](#)

[Parent guide PDF](#)

[FAQs answered](#)

[Free downloadables](#)



PHONES

For safeguarding reasons please ensure that you are NOT on your mobile phone when you are in the school reception area. Please do not be offended if you are asked to switch off or leave the premises to continue on a call. Only year 6 children are permitted to bring in a phone with permission is required from the head teacher. Phones must be handed to the office for safe keeping at the beginning of the day. If children are found with phones in the classroom they will be prohibited from bringing them in at all.

PEDESTRIAN GATES

We kindly request that when entering and leaving the site that the pedestrian (electric) gate is **NOT pulled or pushed**. Please let the gate close and open automatically. On occasion the gate has been jammed open, this compromises the safety of all our children.

If you encounter any problems, please let the office know.

PARKING

Shawclough school kindly request that parents -

- Be mindful of where you choose to park around school.
- Be mindful of our neighbours, local community, gardens and



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driveways. **DO NOT** move people's bins to park your car.

- Be kind and use kind language to each other around the school.
- Remember our children are always listening.
- Set a good example for your children and others.
- Think of the health benefits of parking a little further away and walking. A bit of light rain never hurt anyone – kids love it!
- Please do not drive over and along pavements, this is very dangerous and unnecessary.
- Please hold onto your child when arriving and leaving school, especially on the roadside – there have been complaints of children running into the road unsupervised

WARNING: The residents of The Spinney (small road opposite the school) are now working with a private company to clamp any cars that block the entrance/exit. You have been advised to park away from The Spinney.

If you are clamped, the school have no power or say in removal of any clamp.

EARLY START & TEATIME CLUB

For safeguarding reasons, please may we remind parents and carers, that *all* children who are attending Early Start Club, *must* be brought inside and signed in by an adult.

Any child dropped off before 8:30am will be placed into Early Start Club *and you will be charged for this*.

If you are late picking up your child, he/she will be taken to teatime club *and you will be charged for this*.

Teachers will only wait by the door for a short while after pick up time.

If you arrive late in the morning (8.40am and doors will be closed) you have to bring your child through the main reception area to be signed in and choose their dinner. **Class teachers/TAs will close the doors at 8.40 regardless of if the bell has gone.**

PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

If you have a *regular* arrangement for a child to walk home (**year 6 only**) or be picked up by another parent or someone not on the 'class pickup arrangements'

please let the office know. Children will not be released to anyone if school have no prior knowledge of it. **Any pickup changes need to be reported to the office before 3pm**

If you change pick up arrangements for a one-off afternoon via phone call, this does not constitute a regular change in arrangements. If pickups are to be done by anyone other than someone on your pick list on a regular basis, please notify the office via email/fill in a form.

Too many parents are assuming that if they pick up someone else child, the other person is automatically allowed to pick up their children. This is only possible if they are on each other's list.

Please give the office plenty of notice if arrangements are to be changed – Thank you.



COMMUNICATION

Please check your email and text and **SCHOOL GATEWAY APP** regularly. We can send out a number of messages during the day to notify you of changes in collections, letters going out, trips, payments, etc. All letter are sent via email.

Please advise the office (in writing/email) if you have had a change in email addresses or phone numbers.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE DOWNLOADED THE SCHOOL GATEWAY APP.

IS YOUR CHILD OFF DUE TO ILLNESS OR AN APPOINTMENT?

If your child is off due to illness **YOU MUST** inform the office first thing in the morning.

You can leave a message on the answering system and then call to follow up. Alternatively, you can email or text in. **THIS INCLUDES NURSERY.**



If your child has an appointment first thing in the morning (emergency's only) you **MUST** still inform the office and fill in an appointment slip before or on your return to school. School should be informed for all

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

other appointments in advance.

If your child has been **vomiting** or is sent home from school for vomiting please be advised that he/she must be off for **24 hours** from the last bout of sickness.

If your child has **diarrhoea** or is sent home from school due to having diarrhoea, please be advised that he/she must be off for **48 hours** from the last bout of diarrhoea.

HEAD LICE

Every so often there is an outbreak of Head lice in a class. If you find that your child has head lice, please follow the advice below:



You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing:

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

PLEASE NOTE: Unfortunately, our school does not have an onsite nurse to check regularly for head lice. It is therefore parents responsibility to check regularly and treat appropriately.

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