



Welcome to Key Stage One



General information

Our 'normal' school day starts at 8:40am and ends at 3:10pm.

This year, our school gates will be open 8:25am and the children will come straight into class where they will be greeted by their class teacher or another member of our Key Stage One department. **All** children should come through Miss Jones' and Miss O'Donnell's classroom doors which are situated at the back of the Key Stage One building, connecting to the playground.

At the end of the day, children can be collected from 3pm. Miss Jones' and Miss O'Donnell's class can be collected from their classroom doors which are situated on the Key Stage One playground. Children in Mrs Weekes' class can also be collected from Miss Jones' or Miss O'Donnell's classroom doors.

If your child is in Mrs Weekes' class and they are in Year 1 please ask Miss Jones at her door and your child shall be sent through. If your child is in Mrs Weekes' class and they are in Year 2, please ask Miss O'Donnell and they shall be sent through to you.

Staff-

Teachers:

Miss Jones (Key Stage Lead)

Miss O'Donnell

Mrs Weekes

Support Staff:

Mrs Attwood

Miss Nuttall

Mrs Stephenson

Miss Popoulia

Children who go to our Annex Club (before or after school club) will be brought over by a member of the Annex Club staff in the morning and the same at the end of the school day.

PE -

As you will know, due to the current situation, we are asking children come to school in their PE kits on their allocated PE day.

ALL Key Stage One children will need to come to school in their PE kits on a **Wednesday**.

(Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name)

As stated in Mrs Butterworth's newsletter, if the weather is inclement, children can also wear navy joggers/leggings but **NO** football kits.

Spellings and reading

Please note – reading books will be sent home w.b. Monday 14th September

Spellings will be sent home on a **Friday** and your child will be tested on them the following Friday, please practice them at home.

Due to the current situation, we ask that children only bring their reading book bags to school on a **Friday**. Their reading books will be changed **once a week** on a Friday as all books will need to be wiped down after use. Children will have a 'home' book and a 'school' book each week.

Snack and water bottles

Children can bring in healthy snacks to enjoy in the morning. **Please ensure all snacks brought into school are nut free and are individually wrapped.** Snacks need to be placed in throw away bags.

Children can bring water bottles from home however, they need to be clearly labelled. Children will bring their water bottles home every night and we ask that they are wash thoroughly each night.

Please be aware that **ANY** water bottles or packed lunches that are not collected at the end of the day will be disposed of.

Key Stage One snack fund

In Key Stage One we have a large amount of children to cater for which can become expensive.

Therefore, we are asking for kind donations of 50p per child per week to buy supplies for our enhanced provision areas and to buy a variety of healthy snacks for our snack area. We would like to thank you in advance for any kind donations.

Please note that snacks this year provided for the children shall be individually wrapped so there is less cross contamination between the children.

Google Classroom

New Google Classrooms have been set up. New codes for each class will be sent out soon once the children are shown in school how to use it and sign into it.

In Key Stage One, we will be using Google Classroom to upload additional maths work and phonics work for you to complete at home if you wish.

TimesTables Rockstars and NumBots

Children in Year 2 should already have their log in for both NumBots and TTRS as they will stay the same. Year 1 children will be set up soon with their log in's and will be sent home. These programmes allow children to practice their timetables. If any Year 2 children have misplaced or forgotten their log in's, please email Miss Jones.

Twitter

Every day, your children work extremely hard in the provision and during our focus groups to create some truly amazing work. Therefore, we want to show this to you. Each of the class teachers have their own school twitter accounts to show you what we get up to each day.

@Miss_JonesSTM

@MissODonnellSTM

@MrsWeekesSTM

Follow us! 😊



Contacting staff

If you wish to contact your child's teacher regarding any concerns, please ring the school office to make an appointment or request a phone call back. Additionally our emails are listed below. Teachers will only contact you during normal school hours.

Miss Jones- jjones@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk

Miss O'Donnell – NODonnell@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk

Mrs Weekes – aweekes@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk

Learning environment

“Play is the highest expression of human development in childhood for it alone is the free expression of what is in a child's soul.” – Friedrich Froebel

“You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation.” - Plato

In Key Stage One, we work as a continuous provision setting which aims to stimulate your child's development through the highest form of learning. This type of learning provides many opportunities for your child to successfully progress socially and academically. We have over 15 areas of provision, which all children can access daily. Each area has reading and writing opportunities and endless open-ended tasks that the children can complete at their own level.

Expectations of learning and the quality of children's work is one of our main focuses which is portrayed through your children's fantastic work over each academic year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and ask us.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Jones, Miss O'Donnell and Mrs Weekes.