

The Roche Nursery School

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to the start of another exciting year at The Roche Nursery School.

It has been a pleasure to welcome so many familiar faces and to also welcome our new families joining our wonderful Nursery community this year. The children are settling back into their routines and they seem ready to explore their exciting learning environments.

With the start of term so many questions may arise and we encourage you to approach our very experienced team of teachers, all of whom will be delighted to help.

Our team is as follows:

Gabriella Emery – Head of Nursery School, Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Lisa Christou – Nursery Manager, SENDCo and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Natalia – Lower Nursery Key Teacher and Forest School Leader

Miss Petrina– Lower Nursery Key Teacher

Mrs Emma - Lower Nursery Key Teacher

Miss Jacquie – Upper Nursery Key Teacher and Forest School Leader

Normal School Hours
Arrival:

- Doors open from **8:45 a.m. to 9:05 a.m.**
- If you arrive after 9:05 a.m., please ring the **doorbell at the main entrance**, and a member of staff will assist you.

Dismissal:

- Midday for morning children – Lower Nursery are dismissed via the side gate and UN via the main front door
- 3pm via main front door for children staying all day
- Clubs finish at 4 p.m. If your child stays for club they we will be dismissed from the main front door.

Nursery uniform information

- Summer uniform can be worn until autumn half-term
- Winter uniform is worn until summer term
- Please find below the important information for the start of the term. Diary dates will be sent out next week.
- Parent WhatsApp Group- Please let Mrs Lisa know if you would like to be the Class Rep for your year group.
- Please could all parents kindly let Mrs Lisa know by email if you are happy to share your contact details in order for the reps to add you to the group.

Information on Uniform needed each day and any other information

Day	**Uniform required Lower Nursery**	**Uniform required Upper Nursery**	**Any other information**	**Club information**
Monday	Sports Kit Red Puddlesuit Wellington Boots to be kept at school (starting from Monday 14th September) If your child stays for lunch on this day, they will need trainers for Sport	School uniform If your child stays for lunch on this day, they will need to come to Nursery wearing their sports Kit and trainers	Morning healthy snack and named water bottle if your child stays for lunch	Tennis club until 4.00p.m. Please bring an extra healthy snack.
Tuesday	School uniform- however if your child stays on Tuesday afternoon they will need to come to Nursery wearing their Sports Kit	Sports Kit with Red Puddlesuit. Wellington boots to be kept at school	Morning healthy snack and named water bottle if your child stays for lunch	Bilingual Beats club until 4.00p.m. Please bring an extra healthy snack.
Wednesday	School uniform	School uniform	Morning healthy snack and named water bottle if your child stays for lunch	Construction club until 4.00p.m. Please bring an extra healthy snack.
Thursday	School uniform	School uniform	Morning healthy snack and named water bottle if your child stays for lunch	Fine Motor Skills club until 4 p.m. Please bring an extra healthy snack.

Friday	Sports Kit and trainers	Sports Kit and trainers	Morning healthy snack and named water bottle if your child stays for lunch	Morning children leave at Midday. All afternoon children leave at 3 p.m.

***All children should have a blue gym bag fully stocked with a spare change of clothes including socks and plimsolls and wipes. Please can you kindly label all items with your child's name.**

Children staying for lunch must have a named sleep mat for rest time.

After School Care

- Clubs until 4:00pm

Parent Communication from School

- **Tapestry** – we will send you a link to create an account if you do not already have an active account.
- **WhatsApp**: Your class reps will be in touch via WhatsApp and new joiners please email Mrs Lisa if you are happy for your contact details to be shared.

Reporting an Absence or Change of Collection

Please email the school office keswick@therocheschool.com on the morning of the absence and by 9.30 a.m. Please be aware of our Attendance Policy attached.

Important Information

- **Snacks:** The Early Years Foundation Framework 2026 clearly states children's snacks should consist of fresh fruit/vegetables. Please provide your child with a healthy snack each morning in a named small Tupperware and we suggest the following: apples cut lengthways, banana, satsumas, strawberries cut lengthways and quartered, peaches, apricots, cucumber, pepper, carrots cut lengthways. Please note grapes and cherry tomatoes pose a choking hazard and are not permitted. Please refrain from sending dried fruit, oat bars, rice cakes or yoghurt etc. If for any reason your child does not eat any of the above please contact Mrs Lisa to discuss further healthy snack options.
- Please bring a named water bottle to school each day. Children will have access to this water bottle all day but are particulalrly encouraged to drink water at snack time. Milk is also available.
- **Lunches:** The menu will be sent to you via email this week.

Parent Communication

As mentioned in your child's start pack, we use an electronic profile (Tapestry) to observe and track each child. All new parents should have received the activation email with instructions on how to access your child's online profile. As well as observations and photographs recorded on Tapestry your child will be sent via Tapestry fortnightly targets as well as information about what they have achieved/enjoyed that week at Nursery. We pride ourselves on having good partnerships with parents and operate an 'open door' policy. If you feel you would like to speak to a member of staff please arrange an appointment which can take place before or after school.

Curriculum

Each day we offer the children free-flow play (choice of outside and classroom play-based learning) and a balance of child-initiated and adult-directed activities e.g. focused activities. Teachers also continue to work individually with each child and their key groups.

This term's topic is 'ABC What Can I Be.' An overview of each week's topic which describes our weekly project will be uploaded onto https://therocheschool.com/nursery-parents/.
A classroom free-flow plan is also uploaded on Tapestry fortnightly which sets out how the classroom is set out according to the children's needs and interests.

Join Classlist

FORS (Friends of The Roche School) use Classlist to share news, events, and connect parents.

Sign up at www.classlist.com, select "The Roche School" and complete your details. For help, contact: rochefriends@gmail.com.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead.

Best wishes,

Mrs Gabriella and Mrs Lisa