

Welcome to The Roche Nursery School

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Dear Parents

A very warm welcome to The Roche Nursery School; we are looking forward to an exciting Autumn term in Nursery. The key teachers in the Nursery are Mrs Luci (Nursery Manager and EYFS coordinator), Mrs Tulsi and Mrs Lydia. Mrs Gabriella is our Head of Nursery Schools (Wandsworth and Keswick House). Our dance teacher is Mrs Léa and Miss Meghan teaches gym and sport. Mrs Katie and Mr Gunther visit the Nursery each week for music lessons. All children will have forest school activities on Tuesdays with our Forest School leader, Miss Jacquie.

A red school 'puddle suit' must be worn to school on Tuesday mornings and this can be purchased at Perry uniform. Please can children also come to school on Tuesday morning wearing wellies with their shoes in a named carrier bag. Please note we are happy for children to wear P.E. kit underneath their 'puddle-suit' on Tuesday morning for practicality. Please can children be dressed in P.E. kit on Friday for their sports lesson.

We will be sending out a comprehensive list of Nursery specific diary dates by the end of the first week but would like to draw your attention to the following important date:

Social evening for Lower School and Nursery parents- Wednesday 14th September at 5.00pm and our Nursery Curriculum talk which will take place on Tuesday 11th October at 9.30 a.m. (we thought it may be helpful to host the curriculum talk a few weeks into term following a 'settling in' period).

We will also be sending out a fortnightly newsletter by email. We now have a comprehensive list of emails; if you would like a different email added please let Mrs Luci know.

Start and End of the School Day

The Nursery door will be open between 8.40 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. each day. After their first day at school your child should be in the nursery by 9.00 a.m. at the latest.

Pick up time for the children who attend half days is 12.00 p.m. and for children that stay for lunch it is at 3.00 p.m. We will be dismissing children from the main school gate at both 12.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.

Parent Communication

As mentioned in the start pack, we use an electronic profile (Tapestry) to observe and track each child. This will be set up during the first few weeks of term and you will receive an 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 given a weekly target 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. Most mornings the children have access to two focused activities. One activity is within a small group and the other activity is part of the free-flow play, available to all the children. Teachers also continue to work individually with each child and their key groups.

This term's topic is 'ABC What Can We Be'. The planning which describes our weekly project activities as well as providing suggestions for follow up ideas at home is uploaded onto our website. <https://therocheschool.com/nursery-parents/> This information is also uploaded onto Tapestry with the free-flow planning each week.

We have a phonics focus activity weekly and we will inform you of the weekly letter sound we will be learning. At this early stage it would be helpful if parents could refrain from calling the letters by their alphabet name and support us by pronouncing them according to their phonetic sound e.g. 'a' for **apple** and 'b' for **ball**.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead and Mrs Gabriella and I are always happy to discuss any questions you may have.

Mrs Gabriella can be reached directly on roche.g.emery@therocheschool.com. If you wish to increase sessions or register any siblings please contact Mrs Gabriella as above.

Kind regards

Mrs Luci