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Information Letter for Rowan Class

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new year for your child in Rowan Class and a big warm welcome to all the new parents to Dundry Primary School. We hope your children settle well in to the class and that you are familiar with their new teachers and classroom.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce or remind you of our expectations of daily routines and procedures. We encourage all children to be as independent as possible. In order to assist us with this please observe the following guidelines for arriving and leaving school.

Arrival Routines

- Children can arrive in the classroom from 8.40am and can be left with the class teacher from 8.45am. Children must be in class by 8.55am for registration.
- Parents/Carers can say 'goodbye' in the classroom but we politely ask that you leave the classroom as soon as you have said your goodbyes to assist the teachers in settling the children.
- When your child enters the classroom they need to:
 1. Put book bags in their draw.
 2. Hang their coat up in the cloakroom.
 3. Put their lunch box on the 'Lunch Box' shelf/hand in dinner money to the office.
 4. Find their name and self register on the lunch board, indicating whether they are school dinners or packed lunch.
 5. Children can then choose an activity until assembly time.

Leaving Routines

- Children will be brought out by the class teacher through Rowan Class entrance at 3.15pm. Parents will be asked to wait in the playground as the children will collect their own belongings on the way out.
- The class teacher will inform you of any important information from the day relevant to your child.
- Once the children have all been collected please feel free to talk to the class teacher about your child.

Snacks

We have a 'Healthy School Status', therefore we supply and encourage the children to eat fruit or vegetables at break time. Each child should have their own named water bottle left in class. These are to be taken home at the end of each term.

P.E. Bags

Focused P.E. sessions will usually take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure your child has a P.E. bag in school, containing appropriate named kit. Leave this on their peg and take home at the end of each term to be washed. A copy of our uniform/P.E. kit is on the school website and in the prospectus.

If possible, please ensure children are not wearing earrings on these days.

Reading

- **Book Bags**

Your child will have at least one guided reading session a week with a teacher, as well as reading based activities throughout each day. We will continue to monitor their reading at home and communicate with you about their reading at school in your child's yellow reading record book. Please ensure this is in your child's book bag and in school every day.

Your child will usually have one or two class reading books to practise their developing reading skills. They will also bring home books of their own choice to share with you. We monitor and change books when necessary encouraging children to change sharing books whenever they wish, so having book bags in school everyday as part of the routine is vital.

- **Sounds (Reception)**

Your child will be given phonic booklets to practise their sounds they are learning at school. These will be sent home when your child is full time. A sheet will be included telling you what to do.

- **Words**

Your child will be given words to learn on a regular basis, they will be in a 'word bag'. Please keep it in your book bag.

Homework (Year 1)

In addition to reading and words, Year 1 will receive Spelling and Numeracy homework every week. This will be sent home in book bags every Monday.

- **Spelling**

At the beginning of each week your child will be given a list of spellings to learn. There will be a test each Friday and the marked test sent home the following week.

- **Numeracy**

Your child will be given a number bond practice sheet. Please could you encourage your child to complete the sheet, there is no need to return it as there will be a test each Friday.

- **Handwriting**

Your child will be given a handwriting sheet to keep at home, to practise letter formation and joins.

Topic

Topic webs will be sent out near the beginning of term to outline how and what we will be exploring in class. Some practical or finding out tasks may be given, as homework, to support and extend other areas of learning.

Learning Diaries (Reception)

The children each have a learning diary in the classroom that will store any pictures, paintings, recording of learning activities, records and observations during the year. You are very welcome to look through these with your child at any time and discuss their achievements together. We include parents in the process of recording learning by giving out 'wow' cards for you to complete when your child has impressed you by showing you a new skill or talent e.g. counting to 30, riding their bike, writing their name, getting dressed without help, etc. These 'wow' cards will then be included in your child's learning diary.

Work Books (Year 1)

The children will record their work in a literacy, numeracy and topic book. Teacher observations will still be used to ensure all learning is recorded.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and hope that the children enjoy the year ahead. Please do book an appointment with us if there is anything you need to discuss.

Yours sincerely

Miss Fitzpatrick
(Class Teacher)

Miss Kelly Evans
(Qualified LSA)

Mrs Wilson
(Teacher/SENCO)

Mrs Belinda Densley
(Teaching Assistant)