

OUR PROSPECTUS

Introduction

This prospectus sets out information about the school which should be of help to those choosing a school and those parents with children who are already attending the school. It must be noted that changes from the arrangements outlined in this prospectus may be brought about in the future from variations in the Education committee policy and/or government legislation.

We run an open school where parents and grandparents are positively encouraged to join us in partnership in the education of children.

The view across the main play ground



The dining room building



About the school

East Rainton Primary school provides places for children of all abilities, from the age of 3 to 11 years. The school was built in 1933 and has a traditional village primary school ethos. Prospective parents are always welcome, by appointment, to look around the school. The school was built with five classrooms, hall and separate dining room building which is also used for our breakfast and afterschool club. Each classroom has an interactive whiteboard and DVD facilities they also have standalone PC's with printer connection. The school also has an ICT suite with network linked PCs as well as laptops with wireless internet connection. The school has 30 iPads which are used across the school.

The Computing suite



Classrooms

Foundation Stage

This play ground has a special softer surface and purpose built play equipment. During the day the younger children access the larger playground with bikes, scooters and cars.



The school Council

The school council has been running for a number of years and has helped to make some important changes at the school. They meet every two weeks and work on a particular project. For example development of the outdoor equipment, development of the dining room experience and tackling the anti bullying agenda. They have been closely involved with the appointment of new staff. They have designed a sensory garden and with the help of a local gardener and landscaper they bought plants from the garden centre to plant in the garden.



Teaching and learning

At East Rainton Primary School we see all of our children as individuals, each with their own strengths and interests. We believe that our teaching methods reflect this as children will experience a range of teaching methods- whole class, small group, paired and individual work. In this way we can ensure that individual needs are met. Detailed planning by staff ensures that all National Curriculum learning opportunities are explored.

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Provision for children with Special Educational needs

We aim to create a positive and supportive environment for learning for all children. Where particular learning or behavioural difficulties are identified, children are placed on our special educational needs register (SEN). Parents are informed and invited to come to school to discuss their child and the provision which will be made for him/her within the school. Individual Education Plans are drawn up with the co-operation and involvement of parents. Specific targets are set and reviewed regularly, as laid down by the Code of Practice.

Where it is necessary, we are able to call on the services of an Educational Psychologist as well as other support teams. Parents will be invited into discuss issues with the staff before a child is referred. Following a formal assessment a child may receive a statement of Special educational Needs which will state what special provision is recommended for that child.

Homework

The school operates a homework policy for children in all year groups. This gives the opportunity for parents, pupils and school to work in partnership. Homework is seen as extending and supporting the learning experience through reinforcement and revision. The main focus of homework will be on literacy and numeracy. Reading plays an important role in the homework process and children need to read with an adult as much as possible.

After school club

The school has a breakfast club this opens at 7.45 every morning at a cost of £2.50.

There is a gym club every Thursday morning starting at 8 o'clock and a Karate club that starts at 8 o'clock every Friday morning.

Every day there are at least 2 after school clubs for children to choose from which finish at 4.30 at a cost of £2 per session. These range from cookery to multi sports.

If childcare is required this is the BT club is open Monday to Thursday until 5.30. The cost for this is £3.50 per session.

Pastoral care

The Head teacher and all staff are concerned with the well being of all children and close contact is encouraged between home and school. Many parents become involved in school activities. The school operates an assertive discipline approach which emphasises positive behaviour. The children are expected to operate within a framework of discipline which takes into account mutual respect, consideration for other individuals, good manners, acceptable speech, and an achievement of self – discipline.

If the school feels any concern for a child, parents will be contacted by letter or telephone asking them to see their child's teacher or the Head teacher if appropriate. Similarly, parents are asked to contact the school at any time if they have a concern about their child. Parents are asked to make prior arrangements through the office.

Helping in school

Parents, friend, grandparents and governors are always welcome in school to help children with a wide variety of activities. If you have any spare time to share with the school, please do not hesitate to contact us. Any one working in school must be cleared to do so through DBS clearance.

The friends of East Rainton School raise money to support and enhance the education of the children at the school. Open meetings for all who are interested with notification posted on the school Newsletter.

School Uniform

School uniform gives the children a sense of belonging to the school and it helps to develop a source of pride in East Rainton Primary School. Our school colours are light blue or white polo shirt and a royal blue school sweat shirt. Trousers and skirts should be grey or black. School shoes should be black. All children must wear a P.E. kit for reasons of health and safety, this should be a plain white T-shirt and Plain blue or black shorts. (Trainers will be needed for outdoor P.E. sessions.)

The Head teacher has the right to prohibit the wearing of certain types of clothing, or particular items of dress, which are deemed on safety, or other grounds, to be unsuitable for wear in school. Jewellery is unnecessary, and earrings, bracelets or necklaces should not be worn in school. If parents wish their child to wear earrings, they should only be the stud type and parents are requested to fill in an indemnity form. The school does not accept responsibility for loss, theft or damage to any personal items of property, clothing or jewellery.

Charging policy

By Law, no state school can make charge for:

- *Education wholly or mainly within school hours.
- *Materials and ingredients for things made in school which pupils do not want to keep.
- *Visit in outside of school hours which are necessary for an examination

Charges may be made for the following:

- Individual music tuition which is not part of the syllabus
- Certain excursions where a third part is involved
- Board and lodging where a school activity involves a residential element
- The exact cost of optional extras not connected with the National Curriculum.

The school governors have decided that charges will only be made for a school activity if this is the only way to guarantee that the event takes place. This is likely to apply to trips, excursions and special events.

Complaints

We hope to be able to resolve any complaints that parents may have. In the first instance complaints should normally be made to the Head teacher, and in most cases we find that complaints can be dealt with successfully at this informal level. However, there are two formal routes that you can use if you wish to take matters further. The Head teacher would be able to provide more details.

Child Protection

Parents should be aware that the school will take any reasonable action to ensure the safety of its pupils. In cases where the school has reason to be concerned that a pupil may be subject to ill treatment, neglect or other forms of abuse staff have no alternative but to follow Child Protection Procedures, and to inform social services of their concerns.

School Meal Arrangements

Pupils must stay on the premises at lunchtime for either a school meal. Children in Key stage 2 can request a packed lunch. School meals are cooked on the premises. The children are looked after by the midday supervisory assistants. Dinner money must be sent to school on a Monday in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and the amount enclosed. If you feel that your child may be entitled to free school meals you can obtain further information from either the school office or the civic centre.

Admissions to school

Parents may register their child for Nursery as soon as they are two years old. In the term before the child is due to start Nursery staff will make a home visit. This is to meet the child and parents in their own environment where they will feel more comfortable. Parents are asked to be open and honest when sharing information about their child as this will help with a smooth transition into Nursery.

Medical matters

In the event of an accident or illness, staff trained in first aid will care for your child, and we will contact you if it is considered appropriate. We ask all parents to provide us with emergency contact numbers. Please remember to let us know immediately if your contact numbers change. Prescribed medication can be kept and administered within school at the discretion of the Head teacher. A medication form must be completed by the parents/ carer.

School Attendance

Regular attendance is crucial to every child's development. If a child is unable to attend school because of ill health, or any other reason, we ask you to telephone us to explain their absence. If we do not receive a call attempts will be made to contact you. Absences for which we receive no explanation are recorded as unauthorised and must be reported to the local authority. Holiday must not be taken during school term time. Attendance should be 95%. If a child has attendance below this the Head teacher may refer them to the attendance officer.

Reporting on progress

Parents are invited to discuss their child's progress twice a year and a written report is provided once a year. Each term parents are provided with an over view of the areas to be studied during the coming term so that parents can help to support their child's learning at home.