



Roskear Primary, Nursery School & Crofty Minors Pre-School

Learning together for a better future

I would like to give a warm welcome to all our parents and carers and look forward to catching up with you over the coming weeks. This year, we have made several changes to school and hope that these changes will enable the school to continue to improve to ensure it is the very best it can be for the children.

School Culture

We have started with a focus on our school values and have spent time thinking long and hard about what we want our school to focus on and encourage and develop in the children and we have decided that we want all the children to be **GREAT** and **most of all we are happy!**



Relationship and Behaviour Policy

This year we have a new Behaviour policy, which focuses on relationships, hence the new name '[Relationships and Behaviour Policy](#)'. This policy can be found on the school website, and we advise all parents/carers to take a moment to read it.

Part of the learning the children will receive this year is about recognising their feelings and how to manage them. We are learning this through 'The Zones of Regulation', (<https://zonesofregulation.com/>), which teaches the children that all emotions are okay and how to manage these feelings. Children will learn to associate a colour with a group of feelings and the tools they can use to feel better.

School Uniform

As we prepare to start the new year, please can we remind you that all children are expected to wear the Roskear school uniform.

Daily Uniform

- White shirt or polo shirt with collar
- Royal blue pullover, fleece, sweatshirt or cardigan (if you wish to have this with the Roskear logo these may be purchased from Trophy Textiles).
- Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores (royal blue/white checked summer dress)
- Plain black shoes or plain black trainers

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PE Uniform

One day of the week, your child will have PE and on this day your child will be expected to wear their PE kit to school please. Class teachers will let you know which day this is.

- Black Roskear hoodie or plain black sweatshirt
- White t-shirt or the Roskear blue PE t-shirt (the Roskear t-shirt can be ordered from Trophy Textiles)
- Navy or black shorts
- Black plimsolls (for indoor PE)
- Trainers (for outdoor PE)
- During the colder weather navy or black jogging bottoms may be worn

All children are expected to wear the school uniform, unless your child has a diagnosed medical reason why they cannot, such as a sensory condition, in which case 'reasonable adjustments' will be made for your child.

If children arrive without the appropriate uniform, school sweaters/cardigans will be given to them to change into for the day and parents/carers will be contacted at the end of the day by the teacher to discuss how the school can help them in relation to uniform. Preloved uniform is available from the school at no cost. The school has two rails of clothing, one in main reception and one just inside the KS2 door where children enter in the morning, please do help yourself, remembering that reusing clothing not only saves on the pennies it also helps the planet.

Attendance

Please call the school before 8.30am on the day your child is absent and leave a message explaining the reason for their absence on the absence line.

If we have not been given a reason for a child's absence by 10.30am, two members of staff will carry out a home visit to check everything is okay.

Just before the start of the summer, the government made changes to issuing fines in relation to pupil absence. As a school, we will be following the government guidance and issuing fines when a child has been absent for five school days over a year when the absence has not been authorised. <https://roskear.croftymat.org/attendance/>

Lateness

The school doors open at 8.40am for children to come in. The doors close at 8.50am.

If children arrive after 8.50am, they are late and must sign in through main reception. Children who arrive late will need to be accompanied down to class by a member of school staff and as such parent/carers will need to wait with their child until a member of staff arrives. This can take some time as all staff are busy and as such; to avoid having to wait, we advise all families to arrive on time please.

Lunchtimes

Throughout the year, there will be ongoing improvement to lunchtimes. We are introducing OPAL to our children (<https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/the-opal-primary-programme/>). We are starting this by opening all the school site to the children. This means children can go between playgrounds, in the wooded area to the left of year 6, in the meadow area with the gazebo and around the other side of the school to the wild garden. Children will have the freedom to play with any of the children in any of the spaces. Do not worry, a member of staff will be in each area. Last year, children had to stay in their age group playground, but this year that will no longer be the case. This means KS1 and KS2 children can play together.

Over coming weeks and months these spaces will be further developed, and I am sure the children will come home buzzing telling you all about it.

Special Needs

As many of you will recall part of Mrs Head's role, along with being the Special Needs and Disability Coordinator, has been to be the school safeguarding leader. This year, in order to ensure Mrs Head has time to focus on further development of SEND across the school, Mrs Johnson and I have taken over the role of safeguarding leads. Mr Forder has also joined the SEND team and will be working with Mrs Head this year on SEND at Roskear on Tuesday afternoons.

If you have a child with SEND or would like to talk with a member of the SEND team, we ask that from tomorrow you stop using Mrs Head's direct email and either phone school or email the SEND team on roskearsend@croftymat.org The email address is accessed by the following staff:

- Mrs Head (SENDCO)
- Miss Furnish (Headteacher)
- Mrs Lagdon (Deputy headteacher)
- Mrs Johnson (Deputy headteacher)
- Mrs Forder (SEND support Teacher)

Pastoral Team

This year, following the departure of Mrs Squire, our pastoral team now consists of:

- Mrs Eva
- Mrs Rideout
- Mrs Mitchell

This team is supported by

- Team leaders, Miss Matthews, Mrs Tonkin, Mrs Burt
- Senior leadership team
- Mrs Head and Mrs Forder

Car Park

This year staff **will not be supervising** in the car park. The gate will continue to be locked at 3.05pm and opened at 3.20pm. It is parent and carer's responsibility for their children at dismissal and as such, we ask that you ensure your child uses the pathways around school to leave.

If you intend to use the carpark, please remember to park considerately, which means:

- Only parking in a space
- Do not double park
- Reverse park into a space
- Do not park in spaces allocated for people with disabilities if you do not have a blue badge.
- Behave appropriately
- Turn your engine off once parked
- Do not move your car until the gate is open at 3.20pm

Finally, if you have any questions or need help in any way please do not hesitate to speak with a member of staff.

Best wishes

Nic Furnish