

Welcome to
Rudston
Primary School
Admissions and School
Information
September 2021



Thank you considering Rudston Primary School for your child.

Usually, at this time of year we would be busy arranging visits for you to look around school and meet the team. However, as you all know Rudston Primary School, along with all schools across the country, is following local authority and DfE guidelines to ensure the safety of our whole community. However we would like to share with you some information about our school to support you as you make a very important and tricky decision – which school is right for my child!

At Rudston we offer every child - whatever their own individual characteristics - the chance to thrive and achieve their own potential as that develops and changes. This is an inclusive school where all will be treated equally and given equality of opportunity regardless of gender, special needs, disability or race. Teaching and learning will be matched to the appropriate stage of children's physical, mental, social, spiritual, moral and cultural development needs.

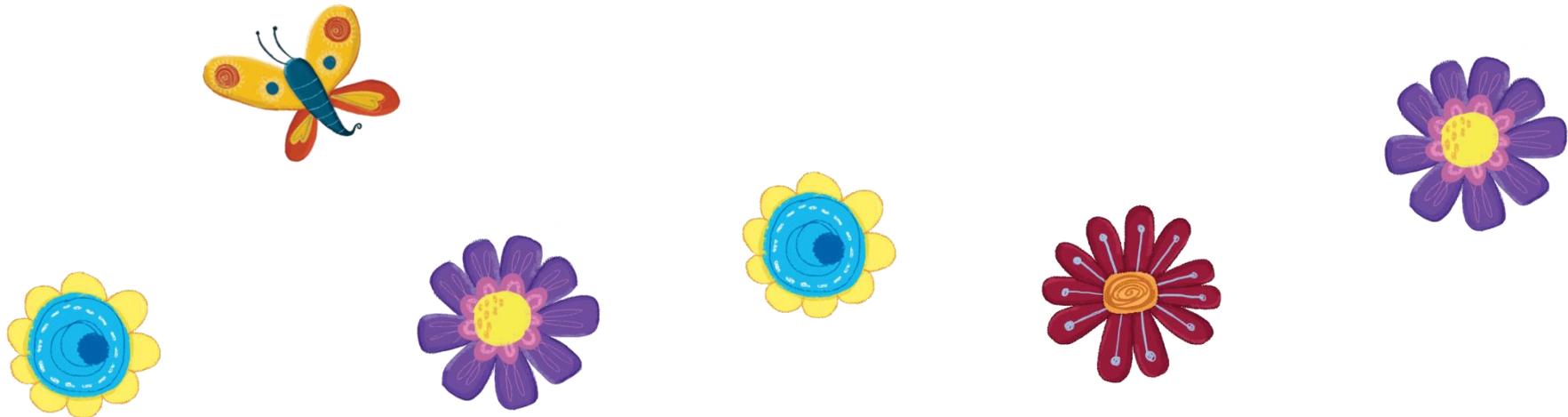
At Rudston Primary School, education is about children experiencing the joy of discovery, solving problems and being creative. It is also about developing their self-confidence as learners and maturing socially and emotionally. We will combine high standards with high expectations and with a broad and rich curriculum. We have specialist teachers for Art, P.E. and Spanish to further enhance to provision for all children.

At Rudston we believe that education should be the fusion of excellence and enjoyment. Communication, Language and Literacy, Numeracy and ICT will be the backbone of our pupils' success in learning. We will build on the strengths to serve the needs of our children using the skills of everyone in the school. We will drive our own improvement. In setting our own challenging targets, we can recognise we can always do better. We will build a partnership with parents by giving good information, communicating well and by weaving the school into

the fabric of our community. The school will promote community cohesion through its teaching, learning and the curriculum.

Rudston Primary School is a welcoming, friendly, bright and lively, happy place where children, parents and staff feel secure, where good behaviour is expected and where they enjoy growing up.

If you have any questions / comments you can contact us at admin@rudstonprimary.co.uk and wwalters@rudstonprimary.co.uk or by telephoning school on 0151 7222435.



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Statement of purpose:

At Rudston Primary School we will work together to nurture a positive atmosphere of collaboration, openness, security and confidence. Children will be skilfully supported and guided to become independent and motivated learners who respect the environment in which they live and achieve their true potential.

Our Mission Statement

To develop a love of learning, enabling all children to reach their full potential.

Our EYFS Intent Statement

At Rudston Primary we are fully committed to providing an EYFS curriculum that is broad, balanced and meets the needs of all pupils. Pupils will feel safe and secure through our excellent personal relationships and nurturing environment. Our children understand the importance of daily physically activity and the positive effects this has on their academic achievement and emotional well-being.

Through our EYFS curriculum we aim to develop a love of learning, promoting a curriculum that is challenging; setting high expectations for our youngest learners. Children are encouraged to be curious and ask questions, to be adventurous and try new things and to become independent thinkers who are inquisitive and are eager to learn.

Children leave our EYFS confident, resilient learners who are ready to address the challenges of school life.

Admission Process

At Rudston we follow the local authority admissions procedure for all admissions except Bright Stars Pre School which has a separate policy. Foundation classes admissions must be submitted to the Liverpool City Council Primary Admissions website to be found at <https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/> . **This must be completed by Friday 15th January 2021.** This site can also be used for secondary school applications for year 6 children.

If the school is oversubscribed, priority is given on the following criteria:

1. Children in care
2. Children whose acute medical or social need justify the allocation of a place at the particular school
3. Children with a brother or sister on roll at the school in reception to Year 6 at the time of the proposed admission
4. Children living nearest to the main entrance of the school. These distances will be measured in a straight line using a GIS computerised batch distance measuring mapping system.

Parents and carers should be aware that applications to Reception classes in 2020, were in the region of 165 applications for 60 places. A place in our nursery is no guarantee of a place in the Reception class.

As a two form entry school we have 60 children per year group which makes demand for places competitive.

Places were allocated as:

1 st Choice	47
2 nd Choice	8
3 rd Choice	5

Distance of the last child admitted in the last admission intake (September 2020) was **0.639 of a mile**

For further information please phone or call in to the school office, we are happy to help. Please e-mail the school on admin@rudstonprimary.co.uk if you have any queries.

Parents as Partners

We recognise the importance of parents and carers in a child's developing stages. As a primary care provider, you are your child's first educators and we greatly value any input, opinions and information you can share with us about your child's learning and progress.

To support this, we will be holding parent consultation meetings for all our new families who join us in September 2021. These meetings will be individual parent appointment slots (please do not bring your child) and will be an opportunity for you to tell us all about your child in a one to one 20-minute appointment.

We provide many other opportunities for parents and carers to take an active part in their child's education. These include:

- Yearly parent assemblies to share our class' success and topic work
- Parent's evenings
- Sporting Events
- Regular newsletters
- Parent texts and emails (please make sure the office have your up to date mobile phone number and email address to receive this useful information)
- Rudston App (download the app from the app store and you will receive individual log in details from our admin team)

School website rudstonprimary.co.uk

School Twitter twitter.com/rudstonprimary



Most importantly, our family ethos is central to our school and as such, we operate an 'Open-Door Policy' where parents are actively encouraged to meet with staff to discuss any concerns at the earliest opportunity. Our staff are available at the end of the school day after the children have been collected, to answer any questions or you can speak to the office to arrange an appointment.

Preparing your child for school

As your child is getting ready to start school, they will need to become more independent. It will make starting school much easier and happier if they are able to do as many things as possible for themselves.

What should he/she be able to do?

Can he/she...

- Put on and fasten their own coat?
- Use the toilet independently and ask to go there?
- Tidy up after himself/herself?
- Recognise their own name? Please tell your child's teacher if their name is abbreviated in any way.
- Feed himself/herself?
- Share toys and equipment?
- Hold a pencil correctly?
- Sing some nursery rhymes?



- Practise counting to 20?
- Listen well and follow simple instructions?

How can I help my child prepare for school?

- Encourage your child to be as independent as possible even if it takes far longer for them to get ready.
- Establish sensible bedtime routines which get your child ready for sleep, e.g. sharing a bedtime story
- Allowing time in the morning to make sure your child arrives promptly and is ready to learn
- Never threaten them with school! Be positive. Support us by reinforcing the importance of regular attendance

What can I do with my child before they start school?

- Give your child as many varied experiences as possible: drawing, painting, cooking, singing, making models,
- playing games, jigsaws, etc
- Get them used to: pencils, crayons, felt pens, chalks, paints, play dough, scissors
- Share stories, books and rhymes.
- Count everything and share things out.
- Use lots of everyday counting opportunities —cup, plate, knife, fork and spoon for each person.

- Talk to them all of the time. Name familiar things and discuss what they see around them and what things are for. Talk about what you see when you are out and about. Watch people work and discuss what they are doing.

THE SCHOOL DAY

8:45am	Doors open for children to come into class
8.55am	Doors are locked. If you arrive after this time you will need to take your child to the main office
8.55-9.05	Registration and morning challenge
9.05 – 9.30	Literacy input
9.30 – 11.00	Free flow and adult directed activities
11.00-11.30	Phonics
11.45	Lunch
12.45	Peer massage
1.00 – 1.25	Maths input
1.25 – 2.30	Free flow and adult directed activities
2.30	Topic
3.00 – 3.15	Story and home time



We also have two PE sessions, guided reading, PSHE, RE, yoga and the Rudston Mile.

School Dinners

At Rudston we use 'Food for Thought' to provide our school meals service. We chose FFT because they provide a commitment to using locally sourced, organic where possible, and environmentally sound raw ingredients for our meals.

The meals are cooked entirely on school premises by kitchen staff who are trained by both the school and FFT. The menus are carefully balanced by nutritionists and the children are surveyed to see what improvements can be made.

Our children deserve great school dinners they enjoy eating and that are healthy as well. We work within the curriculum to ensure that children are not only fed well but are food wise too. Food tasting sessions with parents, assemblies and sessions in class are all part of our whole school approach.

The menus change with the seasons.

Children have lunch at 11.45 and all reception staff support the children in the canteen. We can see our menus on the school website <https://www.rudstonprimary.co.uk/virtual-office/school-meals/> or in the meals menu section on the Rudston App.

Children can have hot dinner or packed lunch (no chocolate or sweets). We expect all children bringing packed lunch to make sure it conforms to our Healthy Eating policy. A healthy packed lunch should include some of the following:

- fruit - straight from bush or tree!
- raw vegetables (e.g. carrots, cherry tomatoes and cucumber)
- dried fruit

- savoury sandwiches (not jam or chocolate spread)
- a yoghurt or fruit dessert

All children under seven are entitled to universal free school meals. However registering for free school meals can benefit your child and the school. Eligibility for free school meals also provides discounted school trips, visitors and school led after school clubs for your child. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals or would like to find out if you may be eligible please visit the following website;

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/grants-and-funding/free-school-meals/>

Snack Time

Every child qualifies for free school milk until the term they turn 5. After this time, parents can choose to pay for their child to continue having milk. See the office for the website details on how to pay via Parent Pay.

Snack time is available throughout the morning session. Children are offered a piece of fresh fruit, a carton of milk, a range of crackers, bread sticks and yogurts. Snack which is additional to the free entitlement is charged at £1.00 per week. This is payable via Parent Pay on a termly basis.

A Healthy School

Children need to bring a water bottle to school every day. Water is essential to hydrate your child's brain and to help them to learn. Bottles must only contain water. Juice and flavoured waters are not allowed. If your child brings anything other than water the bottle will be returned to you at the end of the day, unused.

Sweets and chocolate are not allowed to be brought into school, including in packed lunches.



Forest School

We are very fortunate to be able to provide forest school experiences within the school grounds. Children will all have regular opportunities over the year to visit the Rudston forest. Here they will learn fantastic skills and gain the opportunity to explore and develop their outdoor skills. This gives the children a wonderful opportunity to become independent and lead their own learning in a natural environment.

Where do Rudston children move to after life at Rudston?

When children leave Rudston at the end of year 6 they go on to attend a range of secondary schools such as Calderstones, Gateacre, Blue Coat, SFX, St Julies and King David's. There are no longer feeder schools for secondary school and parents apply for the school of their choice during Year 6.

Out of Hours Provision (OOH)



Limited places are available for our Afterschool Club and Breakfast Club each day of the week for parents who may need to book a place. The places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please contact the manager, Natalie Smith on 07514 497676 or ideally, email her at outofhours@rudstonprimary.co.uk to discuss availability. All accounts must be in credit.

Breakfast club starts at 7.45am and is charged at £5.00 per session. Children are entitled to a choice of breakfast cereal, unlimited slices of toast with or without jam, a portion of fruit and a yoghurt.

After School is charged at £10.00 per session which includes a snack meal.

Activities Provision

At least one play worker led workshop is provided each day which take place in either in the main room, canteen or outdoors accordingly.

Free choice adult supervised sessions are provided daily and are resourced appropriately. This includes the option of indoor and outdoor play. Indoor sessions take place in the main room and include arts & crafts, construction, role play and board games.

Outdoor sessions take place in the school playground and sports field and include football, rounders, small playground equipment and the facilitation of playground games.

We hope this pack has answered some of the questions you have about Rudston Primary School. In the meantime, if you have any questions/ comments please contact us on:

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or

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www.rudstonprimary.co.uk

<https://twitter.com/rudstonprimary>

<https://twitter.com/rudstonrec>

<https://vimeo.com/421044661>

