

ROWHILL SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Developing the responsible citizen for tomorrow by raising self-esteem and independence through education and care.

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors, Friends and Pupils,

Welcome back to Term 4. Always my favourite term, improving weather, lighter mornings and evenings and the promise of Spring. It is also the term in which we often see learning embedding and progress made. I am hoping that this will be reflected in the mid-year pupil reports/data that will be posted to you in the near future.

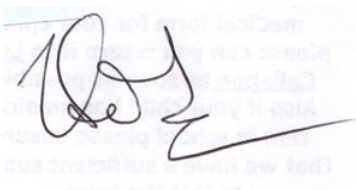
We ended last term very positively with a curriculum day celebrating the Chinese New Year with many creative activities. This term we will be focusing on “World Book Day”. Pupils will be encouraged to dress up as a character from a book on Thursday 2nd March (there will be prizes for the best costumes), trips to Waterstones at Bluewater to get a book, using their book voucher, a primary theatre trip and other related activities.

Finally I would like to welcome Mr Stephen Jeffries as our new Chair of Governors of Rowhill School, who joined as a Governor last year, and thanks to Mrs Lynda Baxter for her commitment and hard work towards improving outcomes for young people, as she steps down as Chair of Governors to Vice Chair of Governors. I'd also like to thank Mr Frank Hart, who has been a Governor at the school since 2013 and has stepped down as Vice Chair but will continue as a Governor until the end of this academic year.

Rowhill School Governors are an incredibly hardworking, voluntary group of people, who ensure the best possible outcomes for Rowhill youngsters by holding myself and the school to account on behalf of the parents and carers.

I would like to thank them on behalf of all of us for their continued commitment.

Yours sincerely



**T.South
Head Teacher**

Our next Parent Support Group for ASD is Thursday 16th March 2017 at 10am. The focus will be on Behaviour with the Occupational Therapist and the Speech Therapist.

WE NOW HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR OUR GOVERNORS SHOULD PARENTS/CARERS WISH TO CONTACT THEM.
governors@rowhill.kent.sch.uk

SCHOOL DINNERS

PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL DINNERS ARE £2.20 PER DAY £11.00 PER WEEK.

THIS IS PAYABLE WEEKLY, MONTHLY OR BY EACH TERM AND NEEDS TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE OF THE MEALS BEING TAKEN.

If paying by Cheque please make cheques payable to KCC re: Rowhill School

**PLEASE CAN WE ASK, THAT IF YOUR CHILD WISHES TO CHANGE THEIR LUNCH OPTION, YOU LET THE SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW STRAIGHT AWAY SO THAT WE CAN INFORM THE COOK AND MAKE SURE ENOUGH FOOD IS ORDERED FOR THAT DAY
MANY THANKS**

CONTACT DETAILS

**Please can you let the school office know of any changes you make to your contact details, including mobile phones and emergency details. We should not need to contact you often but when we do, we really do need to, so please make us aware of any changes.
THANK YOU**

CHILD ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school please can you inform the school on the first day of your child's absence.

Please can parent/carers contact Sarah Thompson on 01474 705 377 extension number 1, then 128, or Cathy Webb, 01474 705377 extension 1, then 141 to explain the absence of your child. Should you wish to discuss any attendance issues please speak to Sarah Thompson or Cathy Webb.

GUIDANCE FOR TAKING YOUR CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL DURING TERM TIME

Parents no longer have the right to take their child out of school during term time. By law you must ask permission for your child to miss school. If you do not, you risk being served with a penalty notice from the local authority. The Head Teacher does retain the right to authorise absence due to 'exceptional circumstances'. If you wish to take your child out of school during term time please write to the Head Teacher in the first instance detailing your reasons for consideration, **we will then send a form home for you to complete.**

MEDICAL FORMS AND MEDICATION

If you have recently received a medical form for your child please can you return it to Leah Callahan as soon as possible. Also if your child has medication in school please ensure that we have a sufficient supply to last the term.

ROWHILL SCHOOL
ACADEMIC YEAR—TERM DATES
2016/2017



TERM 4

Monday 20th February 2017 – Friday 31st March 2017
(Bank Holiday – Friday 14th April 2017 & Monday 17th April 2017)
EASTER HOLS: Monday 3rd April 2017 – Monday 17th April 2017

TERM 5

Tuesday 18th April 2017 – Friday 26th May 2017
Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May 2017 & Monday 29th May 2017
BREAK: Monday 29th May 2017 – Friday 2nd June 2017

TERM 6

Monday 5th June 2017 – Friday 21st July 2017

PLANNED TRAINING DAYS:

13th March 2017
2nd May 2017

**PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL ON
PLANNED TRAINING DAYS**

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ACADEMIC YEAR—TERM DATES
2017/2018



2017

TERM 1

Monday 4th September 2017 – Friday 20th October 2017

CHILDREN TO RETURN: TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2017

MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2017 & FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2017 TRAINING DAYS

BREAK: Monday 23rd October 2017 – Friday 27th October 2017

TERM 2

Monday 30th October 2017 – Wednesday 20th December 2017

CHRISTMAS BREAK: Thursday 21st December 2017 – Wednesday 3rd January 2018

MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2017 TRAINING DAY

2018

TERM 3

Thursday 4th January 2018 – Friday 9th February 2018

BREAK: Monday 12th February 2018 – Friday 16th February 2018

MONDAY 22ND JANUARY 2018 TRAINING DAY

TERM 4

Monday 19th February 2018 – Thursday 29th March 2018

(Bank Holiday – Friday 30th March 2018 & Monday 2nd April 2018)

EASTER HOLDS: Monday 2nd April 2018 – Friday 13th April 2018

TERM 5

Monday 16th April 2018 – Friday 25th May 2018

Bank Holiday – Monday 7th May 2018 & Monday 28th May 2018

BREAK: Monday 28th May 2018 – Friday 1st June 2018

TUESDAY 8TH MAY 2018 TRAINING DAY

TERM 6

Monday 4th June 2018 – Tuesday 24th July 2018

PLANNED TRAINING DAYS:

4th September 2017

20th October 2017

27th November 2017

22nd January 2018

8th May 2018

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