# Ratho Primary School

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17th August 2023

Dear School Community

Welcome back to all! It is wonderful to have the children back in school for the new session. An especially warm welcome to all our new families whether joining in Nursery, P1 or those moved to Ratho over the summer.

Throughout the school year, please contact us via admin@ratho.edin.sch.uk or 0131 333 1293 if you have any queries, concerns or need assistance… We will do our best to help! Please see a few reminders below.

## School times:

| | Mondays – Thursdays | Fridays |
|---|---|---|
| **Start Time** | 8:50 | 8:50 |
| **Morning Break** | 10:30-10:45 | 10:30-10:45 |
| **Lunch Time** | P1&2: 12:00-1:00<br>P3-P7: 12:30-1:15 | N/A |
| **Finish Time** | P1&2: 2:55<br>P3-P7: 3:15 | P1&2: 12:15<br>P3-P7: 12:25 |

## Start of the day:

School starts at 8.50am for all pupils. The playground will open from 8.40am and the school building will open at 8.50am. Pupils should enter the playground and school without their parents/carers. We do not use the school bell. We will lock the gates around 9am and any late pupils thereafter should please enter via the main office please.

## End of the day:

- 2:55pm: **P1 & P1/2** will leave from the main playground gate.
- 2.55pm: **P2** will leave from the Hallcroft Park/West gate
- 3:15pm: **P3** and **P3/4** classes will leave from the Hallcroft Park/West gate… P3 pupils should be collected by parents/carers; please make yourself visible for your child when collecting them.
- 3:15pm: **P4 – P7** classes will be dismissed from the main gate.

## New Library / EYC / Travel to and from School:

We look forward to the completion of the new Ratho Library and Early Years Centre at the top of School Wynd. The building works can create obstruction at times and we ask the school community to be understanding. We encourage our pupils to walk to school as the majority of our pupils live in the school catchment. Parents are requested, when dropping off/collecting children from school that they do not use the school car park for drop off and pick up and take care not to cause any additional obstructions or safety concerns for pupils arriving via Main Street/School Wynd.

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## Website:

The school website https://rathoprimary.org.uk/ has all the information you need to find out about all school matters; basic information, curricular information, home learning ideas and sites/links, supports for parents, etc… Check it out and have a browse. We will re-issue our updated School Handbook, priorities for school improvements this session and a school calendar with dates of all planned events for the session soon.

## Dates for the Diary

In advance of the school calendar; **we are delighted to be welcoming parents & carers into the school and have scheduled our 'Meet the Teacher' evening for Wednesday 6th September from 4.30-6pm. Please save the date!** Parents & carers will be able to visit, view their child's classroom and meet their child's teacher. Teachers will discuss planned curriculum content for each class and Curriculum Information Leaflets will be issued. City of Edinburgh Council term dates for the session are below.

**August 2023**

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**January 2024**

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**July 2024**

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## School organisation for session 2023-24

| Class | Teacher | Pupil Support Assistant | Office: |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Nursery** | EYO – Mrs MacNeil<br>EYP – Mrs Maclean, Miss Cook, Ms Doga, Mrs Kamal (P1EYP) | EYA –<br>Mrs Phillips | Administrator:<br>- Mrs Simpson<br><br>School Support Assistant:<br>- Mrs Ellaway |
| **P1** | Mrs Brown | Mrs Cox<br>Miss Giles<br>Mrs Harris<br>Miss McCann<br>Mrs C. Mitchell<br>Mrs D. Mitchell<br>Mrs Sime<br>Ms Wallace<br><br>Pupil Support Officer:<br>Mr Riley-Morrison | **Senior Leadership Team:**<br>Business Manager:<br>- Miss Robertson<br><br>Principal Teacher:<br>- Miss Buckle<br><br>Depute Head Teacher:<br>- Mrs Smith<br><br>Head Teacher:<br>- Mr Gibb |
| **P1 / 2** | Mrs Walker | | |
| **P2** | Mrs Raeburn (Mon-Tues) / Mrs Marshall (Wed-Fri) | | |
| **P3** | Miss Ogilvy | | |
| **P3/4** | Miss Buckle | | |
| **P4** | Miss Alam & Ms Mansur (Tues) | | |
| **P5** | Mr Anderson | | |
| **P5/6** | Mrs McColm | | |
| **P6** | Miss Brady & Ms Mansur (Wed) | | |
| **P7a** | Mr Chmiel | | |
| **P7 b** | Miss McGhee | | |
| **SFL** | Ms Shivas | | |
| **RCCT** | Mrs Raeburn (Wed-Fri) | | |
| **Facilities Management:**<br>Facilities Technician - Mr Hunter. Cleaning Staff - Gina, Karen, Mary, Lorraine, Jen. | | | |

## School Uniform:

We are proud that the vast majority of our pupils wear school uniform. Uniform can be ordered through the Border Embroidery website www.border-embroideries.co.uk. You can also purchase plain uniforms from most major supermarkets.

The sweatshirt and cardigans are red and have the school badge in black. Polo shirts should be white. Our P7s wear black sweatshirts as a mark of their special position of responsibility in our school.

Other uniform is as follows:

- Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores
- In summer, girls can wear red summer school dresses
- White shirts and school ties are also acceptable

We politely ask that all uniform is labelled with first names and surnames so that we can recover if lost.

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## Free 'pre-loved' school uniform

We have a fair amount of good condition pre-loved school uniform available here in school. These have been donated by local families and also the Edinburgh school uniform bank. If you require any items, please email with details and we will arrange for them to be collected from school or dropped off to you.

Items available include school jumpers, white polo shirts, dresses, shorts and trousers.

## P.E. Kit:

School P.E. Kits which include black shorts and red t-shirts with the school logo in black can also be purchased from www.border-embroideries.co.uk if you wish. No football colours are permitted as P.E. kit.

Pupils do not have to change for P.E. We ask that on the days that your child has P.E. that they come to school wearing P.E. kit and wear their school jumper on top.

## Indoor shoes:

Pupils use indoor shoes. Gym plimsoles are ideal, otherwise trainers for indoor P.E., are to be worn inside the classrooms. Slippers/sliders/flip-flops are not suitable indoor shoes.

## Water Bottles:

Pupils should bring a named refillable water-bottle every day.

## NO NUTS in school

We are a **NO NUTS** school. We have children with nut allergies and must insist that no nuts (or snacks containing nuts) are brought to school. Many thanks for your cooperation.

## Free Football Tickets – Women's Capital Cup

Please see the below form to apply for free tickets to attend the Women's Capital Cup, a new trophy that will be awarded to the winner of Hearts Women vs Hibernian Women's matches in the Scottish Women's Premier League. **The first match will be played on Sunday, 10th September 2023 (4:10pm Kick-off) at Tynecastle with the return fixture being played at Easter Road on Sunday, 19th November 2023.**

**Apply here: https://forms.office.com/e/PbDHw21YPt**

Finally, I hope all our pupils and families have a fantastic school session 2023-24 and I thank all in the community for their support of the school.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher


Eco-Schools Green Flag Award Holder

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