



# Welcome to LRB1

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### General Information

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# Introduction

We have produced this handbook in the hope that it will answer many of the most frequently asked questions from parents and carers and hope that it will be a useful point of reference as your child enjoys their time in the learning resource base.

## General Information

### The School Day

The doors open at 8.45 every morning. Children who attend the LRB come in through the Hub door, accessed via the Foundation Phase yard. Should your child come to school by taxi, they will be collected from the Beanies door by a member of staff. Although the class teacher will always be there to welcome your child into class, as you can appreciate, this is a very busy time of day and so we would ask that if you do need to speak to the teacher it is best to do this at the end of the day or alternatively make an appointment at a mutually convenient time. Please do not come into the corridor; if your child needs support to come into school, our staff are always available to help.

Your child will be encouraged to hang their coat and bag on their peg and take their name to our self-registration board. We will then sit down for breakfast together. Our school day is very busy and we aim to begin registration and teaching by 9am and so it would be helpful if you could make sure that your child arrives in plenty of time. Registers close at 9:05am.

### Lunchtime

Parents are given a menu each term listing the dinner options each week. We have a cashless system called Parent Pay where parents can pay for school meals on line. Alternatively, your child may prefer to bring a packed lunch from home. The children are supervised during lunch time by members of LRB staff so your child will always have the support they need available.

### Snacktime

As we are promoting healthy eating in school, we offer fruit as a snack during the school day. For £1.50 a week, we will ensure that your child has access to a good selection of seasonal fruit and other healthy snacks for the week. Please send money into school on a Monday in an envelope marked with your child's name, or you can pay at the beginning of each term.

## Drinks

Children are entitled to free milk in the Foundation Phase and this is available to them each day. In addition to this they are able to bring in water in a clear water bottle labelled with their name for the classroom. Please ensure if they are sandwiches they have a separate drink in their lunch bag. A water bottle will be provided by the school in September when your child initially starts school. If you should require a replacement bottle as the year progresses, these are available from the school office for a charge of £1.

## Uniform

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name. Uniform can be purchased via the school embroidery service on the Tesco website. We do have some spare clothes in school if your child needs changing, but it is always useful to pop in a spare pair of pants or trousers in to your child's bag, just in case!

## P.E.

Children have one allocated P.E. session in the school hall each week. This is in addition to the outdoor play access that they have throughout the week. Children will need to bring in a pair of navy shorts and a plain white t-shirt / house colour t-shirt on these days, which again need to be clearly labelled and sent into school in a P.E bag/rucksack. Alternatively, you can leave kit in school and wash when appropriate. For many children accessing the learning resource base, changing for P.E. can be a new and sometimes challenging experience. We will support them to become as independent as possible but if you can help your child to get used to dressing independently this will be a big help to staff! For reasons of safety we ask that children do not wear jewellery to school and if your child wears earrings could you please make sure they are removed on P.E. days. Your child will be allocated a House colour for sports day.



## Outdoor Play

The Early Years/Foundation curriculum encourages children to spend as much time as possible outside discovering, exploring and learning. We have our own patio area outside our classroom, with a castle, water play, sand table and plenty of other resources to explore. Children have access to our outdoor area whatever the weather and for this reason we would ask that parents send in a pair of wellingtons that you would be happy to leave in school. Again please make sure that these are clearly labelled.



## School Visits

We try to get 'out and about' in the community as much as possible. We are lucky at Rogerstone Primary to have a minibuss and so try to get the children to experience as many varied learning opportunities as possible. These include a number of planned visits which are linked into the topics we are currently exploring. Staff to child ratios are highly monitored for each trip to ensure all children are kept safe. You will receive letters and specific details of all trips in due course.



## Class Rules

As in the mainstream school, our expectations for behaviour are high within the resource base. We support and encourage the children to follow our rules and to make the right choices. We use visual cue cards to provide additional understanding for the children. At the start of each year children compose a class promise which is displayed within the class. Throughout the year, children are rewarded with stickers and certificates as they are observed following the class rules. Children also have a 'Tocyn Ty' card where they can collect school stickers to collect a house badge. As a class reward when children do something extra special as a class they can earn class marbles. When the marble jar is full the class will choose a whole class treat. We encourage children to be involved in deciding what their treat will be. Past examples include having ice cream and having a fancy dress party.

## The Curriculum in the Learning Resource Base

At any one time within the LRB, we may have a range of ages, key stages and abilities. We tailor each child's learning to their specific ability and provide learning opportunities for them, dependent on their academic and social and emotional needs.

We cover all the main areas of the Foundation Phase Framework which are: Language, Literacy and Communication, Mathematical Development, Knowledge and Understanding of the World, Creative Development, Physical Development, Personal and Social Development, Well Being and Cultural Diversity and Bilingualism. We ensure children learn through play and practical hands-on experiences. Children are assessed using P Levels, the Foundation Phase Profile or National Curriculum Levels (where appropriate).

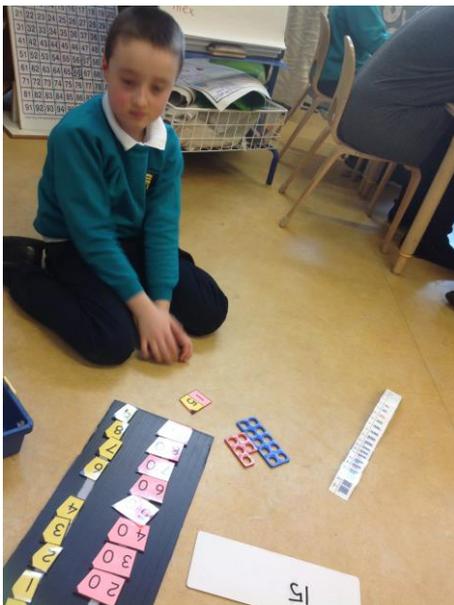
# Daily Organisation

During the course of a school day the children will enjoy a range of experiences both indoors and outdoors.

## Morning session

Literacy - During the morning children are involved in a dedicated literacy session. Children share a range of texts and participate in a daily writing and mark making. Children will write with the class teacher every week during a writing session and share in a range of literacy related activities with support staff. They will also participate in a phonics session and read/share a book with an adult every day.

Numeracy - Children participate in a dedicated numeracy session each morning aimed at developing their basic mathematical skills. Children work as a whole class led by the teacher and in smaller groups on practical activities and games to develop confidence and reinforce skills when working with mathematical concepts. Children will always work with the class teacher during the course of the week as well as in a small group or individually with skilled support staff. They will also be part of a class singing session every day during which we will sing a range of number rhymes.



## Afternoon Session

During the afternoon, children are offered skills based opportunities and experience activities such as science, sensory play, fine and gross motor skills activities, cooking, art, Forest School and music. They also enjoy structured play and apply taught skills alongside their peers, both indoors and outside.



## Home Reading

As your child starts to develop their phonological knowledge they will be given a home reading folder. Please return it every Friday so that the class teacher can change the book. There will also be a reading diary in which you are able to write your comments/responses.

## School Council

At Rogerstone we greatly value pupil voice and as a result place an important emphasis on our school council. Each term the class will vote for one child from LRB1 to represent them on the school council. The school council meets once a week at lunch time and takes an assembly every fortnight.

## Updates

Please check the school website for important information. The school web address is [www.rogerstoneprimary.com](http://www.rogerstoneprimary.com) - use the tabs to the left and top of the screen to navigate around the website.

We hope that this handbook has been useful to you in answering some common questions. If you have any further questions or would like to discuss any of the points covered, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. We hope that you and your child will enjoy their time in LRB1 and as an integral part of Rogerstone Primary School.

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