



The Roebuck School

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Newsletter

Our school day

School gates open at 8:30am. The doors are open at 8:40am. This is the start of the school day and children should enter the school ready to learn. School gates close at 8:50am. After this time, children should come to school via the main school office. The end of the school day is at 3:10pm. All children should be collected at this time from the various doors and playgrounds around school. If you need after school care, please contact the office and they will give you details of CoolKids. If your child is being collected by somebody else, please inform the school office or your class teacher **before** 2:30pm, as after this time we will not have chance to inform the relevant person

Attendance

Coming to school regularly is very important to help your child feel settled, happy, make friends and to learn! We want all our Roebuck children to have bright futures and therefore we encourage good attendance and getting to school on time. Our **Ofsted** school improvement target is to improve attendance and we will be working very hard on this again this year. If your child is not well enough to come to school you need to follow the school absence procedures. Please do not keep your children off school longer than is necessary. If your child is absent from school, we may telephone, message or conduct a home visit. All of these procedures are standard. Please see the poster on Dojo if in doubt about whether to keep your child at home.

School absence procedures

If your child is not well enough to come to school, please contact the school via the School Spider app or by telephoning the school on 01772 729337. If you inform us via the app, please wait for a response. We will either authorise the absence or inform you why the absence has not been authorised and why your child should come to school.

Routine Appointments

We ask that all routine dentist and doctors appointments are made for after school or during the school holidays. We understand that for emergencies, this may be unavoidable. We will need to see evidence of the appointment to authorise these appointments. Our expectations are your child will return to school after the appointment.

Important information:

As of 22nd September there will only be Mrs Jackson in the school office as Mrs Shipsides is leaving us to go traveling. We will miss her and hope she has many exciting adventures (hopefully she will send us lots of pictures!!)

I am hoping to appoint someone to take over her role, however this has not gone according to plan, so there will be a period of a few weeks when, as I said, Mrs Jackson will be on her own. Please bear with us during this time and expect that the answer phone may be on more than usual. The start and end of a school day are always very busy so please **avoid these times for non-urgent matters.**



Trips

Just a little information about trips. Each year I manage to use money from the school budget to subsidise school trips and cover any 'shortfall', however due to a significant reduction in my budget I am no longer going to be able to do this. We still want lots of trips to go ahead so staff will be looking for ones that are as cheap as possible and we will give you plenty of notice so you can pay a bit at a time if necessary. The reason I am informing you of this, if we do not get enough parental contributions to cover costs in future trips will not be able to go ahead.

Flu Vaccines

You should have received an email or text inviting you to consent to your child having a flu vaccine. We strongly recommend that you have this vaccine to keep your child safe from a serious illness.

Year 6 Children

We are at the time of year when Year 6 children need to be applying for High School. The application process has opened and will close on **31st October 2026**. To apply for High School please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. Please remember that Moor Park High School have a slightly different admissions policy, details of which can be found on their website.

Dates for the term (so far!)

Class Photos – 29th September

Individual and Family Photos – 14th October

Half Term – 26th October – 30th October

Break up for Christmas – 18th December at 3:10pm