



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year at Redfield Educate Together! We are looking forward to welcoming you all back tomorrow.

To ensure the children have the best possible start, please take note of these important reminders:

Attendance and Punctuality

- Success starts with showing up! Registers are taken promptly at 8:50am. Children arriving after this time may be marked absent for the morning session, missing valuable learning and causing disruption.
- Please ensure your child arrives on time every day to help them settle quickly and benefit fully from lessons.
- If your child is absent due to illness, please contact the school office each morning.
- For medical appointments during school hours, please inform the office in advance and provide evidence
- **Morning arrival:** School gates will be open from **8:40am to 8:50am**.
- **End of day collection:** School gates will be open from **3:10pm to 3:20pm**.

These slight changes will help ensure a calm, safe and positive start and end to each school day for all of our children. We kindly ask that children arrive within the morning arrival window so they are ready to begin learning with their classmates, and that families collect promptly at the end of the day.

Breakfast club and After School Club

From September, our Breakfast Club and After School Club will be based in the current Honeybee Classroom.

As a result, all drop-offs and collections for wraparound care will take place via the **green side gate** next to the main playground entrance.

To help us provide the best possible experience for children, Breakfast Club will now offer two arrival times:

- **7:45am – £4.80**
- **8:00am – £4.50**

The gate will be opened at these times for 5minute windows, and both sessions will be available to book separately on Arbor.

After School Club will also have two collection options:

- **Collection by 4:15pm – £6.25**
- **Collection by 5:15pm – £8.85**

These designated collection times will allow our staff to focus on delivering high-quality activities and spending more time engaging with the children, rather than making repeated trips to the door throughout the session.

The updated session times and prices are now reflected on Arbor, where bookings can be made as usual. Thank you for your continued support as we develop and improve our wraparound provision for all children and families.

Use of the Trim Trail

The Trim Trail (climbing equipment) is for use **only during school playtimes** when supervised by RET staff. For safety reasons, children must **not** use the equipment before or after school.

School Meals:

- We encourage children to choose school meals, which offer a varied and nutritious range of options.
- Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 children are entitled to free school meals, making this a convenient and healthy choice.

Healthy, Nut-Free Snacks and Packed Lunches:

- Children in KS2 (Years 3 – 6) can bring a healthy nut free snack to school for morning break times, (no chocolate or crisps allowed)
- If your child brings a packed lunch for midday, please ensure it is healthy and free from nuts and junk food. This supports our whole school commitment to promote healthy, balanced diets.

Clothing Guidelines:

- We are an all-weather school and embrace outdoor play in every season.
- Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing such as waterproof jackets, warm layers, wellington boots, sun hats, and spare clothes. This helps keep children comfortable and ready to learn, whatever the weather.
- Suitable shoes must be worn to school. No sliders, flip flops or heelys to be worn. This is to keep children safe from tripping down stairs etc. If children are wearing these shoes they will not be allowed on the climbing frame

Additional Items:

Toys and bags:

- Toys, keyrings, playing cards and bags do not need to be brought into school.
- Book bags with reading book and reading records and packed lunch box is all that is needed.

Mobile Phones and Smart Devices

- Only children in Year 5 and Year 6 who walk unsupervised to or from school are permitted to bring a mobile phone, these must be handed to a member of staff at the start of the day and will be stored in a locked safe within the Year 5 or Year 6 classroom.

- Devices brought to school must be switched off before entering the school grounds and must not be turned back on until they have left school premises.

Nails, jewellery and make up

- False nails and make up should not be worn to school.
- If children are wearing earrings, they need to be studs and not hoops, this is due to the likelihood of them getting caught and ripped during playtimes/ PE lessons. Necklaces and bracelets should not be worn.

Communication/meeting with SLT

- If, following speaking with class teachers you require a meeting with a member of SLT, please email info@redfieldet.org.uk or visit the office and they will be able to book a meeting in for you.

We will be holding our SLT welcome meeting for parents/carers on Thursday 10th at 9:00am in the main hall.

Thank you for your partnership in making Redfield Educate Together a place where every child can thrive.

Regards

The Senior Leadership Team

Sarah, Scott & Lisa