



Rucstall Primary School

Holbein Close
Black Dam
Basingstoke
RG21 3EX

T 01256 466524 / 475108

E adminoffice@rucstall.hants.sch.uk

W www.rucstall.hants.sch.uk

Dear Parents and Carers

As a school, we are working to make our communication **clear, simple and easy to read**. This is to support families who have **English as an additional language**, as well as busy families who need to quickly understand the key information.

We hope this helps ensure that **important messages** are not missed.

I am writing to share some important information about **Year Two** for next year.

We want to work closely with you to support your child's learning, confidence and wellbeing.

PE (Physical Education)

- Children should **wear their PE kit** to school on PE days
- This saves time and gives children **more time** for PE lessons
- The class teacher will tell you in September **which days** are PE days

For indoor PE:

- Children can wear PE shorts
 - In winter, they can wear **tracksuit bottoms** over their shorts
-

Snacks and food

- You can send your child with a **morning snack**

The snack must be:

- **Fruit or fruit-based only**

The following foods are **not allowed**:

- Crisps
- Chocolate bars
- Sweets



This helps us support **healthy eating** for all children.

Swimming (Year 4)

Children go **swimming** in **Year 4** in the Summer Term.

Children are expected to swim **25 metres**, but this can be difficult in a short block of lessons.

It is important that children **start learning to swim as early as possible**.

Swimming is an **essential life skill**, and early practice helps children:

- Build confidence
- Stay safe

We kindly ask for your support in helping your child learn to swim outside of school where possible.

Reading at home

Reading in Year Two is one of the **most important things** we ask you to support at home.

Please try to **listen to your child read every day**, and also **read to them regularly**, especially at bedtime. This is a special time together and helps build a love of reading.

When you read to your child, you can choose **books that are more difficult than they can read themselves**. This helps to:

- Build their **vocabulary**
- Improve their **understanding of stories**
- Support their **writing skills**

Year Two is a key time to develop a **love of reading**. If children enjoy reading at this age, they are much more likely to continue reading as they get older.

Working together

We really value your support.



When parents support learning at home, children can make **around 4 months of extra progress each year.**

By working together, we can help your child:

- Achieve well
- Grow in confidence
- Enjoy learning

Final message

Thank you for your continued support.
We look forward to working with you next year.

Kind regards

Miss Hughlock

Headteacher



