



September 2024

Dear Families,

RE: Family Engagement Sessions Autumn 1

As we embark on another busy term, we'd like to take a moment to reflect on the importance of family involvement in our school community and share some exciting opportunities available to you.

Research consistently shows that children thrive both academically and socially when their families are actively engaged in their education. This could be through attending parent evenings, joining school events, or celebrating their child's achievements together.

At Rockliffe Manor, we value the strong partnership between our school and families. We are dedicated to providing various ways for you to connect with and contribute to our school community, and we encourage you to participate.

Here are some ways to get involved and a few important dates to note:



Connect, Share and Chat Coffee Morning

Date	Year Group	Theme
Monday 16th September Time: 9.00 Location: Music Room	All	RHE policy consultation We'll be reviewing our relationships, health and sex education (RHE) curriculum and policy, so we can be sure our RHE provision is appropriate for children. Your voice matters in shaping the RHE education we offer your children. We're inviting your feedback to help us tailor our curriculum to their individual needs and backgrounds. Led by Rachael Roper, RHE lead
Wednesday 18th September Time: 9am and 3.30pm Location: Music Room	Year 6	Year 6 Secondary Transition Process Join us to hear about the application process for secondary schools. Led by Sarah White, Admissions Admin



<p>Tuesday 1st October 2024</p> <p>Time: 9.15</p> <p>Location: Music Room</p>	Year 3 – 6	<p>Lumi Nova – anxiety and fears</p> <p>Lumi Nova is an app that supports children to self manage their fears and worries. This is a fantastic free resource that can be an additional support for your children which we strongly encourage our families within year 3- 6 to engage with.</p> <p>This is an opportunity for a member of the Lumi Nova team to come into school and offer support and advice using the app and to give further explanation on the benefits to children. Please come along and join us to hear more information. Refreshments will also be provided.</p> <p>Led by Lumi Nova</p>
<p>Wednesday 2nd October 2024</p> <p>Time: 9am</p> <p>Location: Music Room</p>	Nursery Parents	<p>Nursery Transition to Reception – How to apply</p> <p>Join us to hear about the application process for children moving Nursery to Reception</p> <p>Led by Sarah White, Admissions Admin</p>
<p>Tuesday 8th October 2024</p> <p>Time: 9.00</p> <p>Location: Music Room</p>	ALL	<p>Friends of Rockcliffe – Connect and Chat</p> <p>Friends of Rockcliffe is a group of parents who work together to support and run various projects across the school, similar to a PTA. Every parent is automatically a Friend of Rockcliffe, and we warmly invite both new and existing members to join us for an opportunity to connect and chat.</p> <p>Whether you're looking to get involved or just want to meet other parents, we'd love to see you there!</p> <p>Led by The Friends of Rockcliffe (FOR)</p>
<p>Tuesday 15th October 2024</p> <p>Time: 9.00</p> <p>Location: Music Room</p>	ALL	
<p>Thursday 17th October</p> <p>Time: 9am</p> <p>Location: Music Room</p>	Year 6 (or children in yr 5 with EHCPS)	<p>Plumstead Manor Secondary School</p> <p>Plumstead Manor will be joining us to share information about their school. Choosing the right secondary school for your children is an important decision, and this is an opportunity to learn more about what Plumstead Manor has to offer. You'll be able to ask questions, hear about their programs, and get a feel for whether it's the right fit for your child.</p> <p>Led by: Plumstead Manor colleagues</p>
<p>Tuesday 22nd October</p> <p>Time: 9am</p> <p>Location: Music Room</p>	All	<p>Chartwells</p> <p>Chartwells will be joining us to provide more details about their lunch offerings. They'll be happy to answer any questions you may have and welcome any feedback you'd like to share. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the meals available to our children and share your thoughts directly with the team.</p> <p>Led by: Chartwells colleagues</p>

All connect, share and chat sessions can be accessed from the playground. For those who may be new to us, the music room is the room joined onto our Nursery and Reception building. The



door to access this is just at the bottom of the Nursery stairs.

Family Stay and Learn: Reading focus

This half term we are having a focus for our stay and learning on Reading. Please join us on the below dates to see how your child in the early years and year one is taught to read using our phonics programme Little Wandle, and then how they continue to develop their reading fluency in year 2 and 3, before it leads to our Whole Class Reading lessons for years 4 – 6.

These sessions will include a 30 minute session in the classrooms, followed by an information session delivered by the subject leader.

Date	Year Group	Theme
15 th October	Reception and Year 1	Reception and Year 1 focus on Phonics and Early Reading Classrooms then Hall
23 rd October	Year 2 and Year 3	Year 2 and Year 3 focus on Reading Fluency Classrooms then Music Room
23 rd October	Year 4 – 6	Year 4 to Year 6 focus on Whole Class Reading Classrooms then Hall

Next half term we will see the return of our class learning showcase assemblies, our world cafe, stay and learn sessions as well as our coffee mornings, not forgetting the highly anticipated winter concerts and nativity!

Classroom volunteers

We also welcome classroom volunteers at Rockcliffe Manor. Whether you can help with a special project, read to the students, or assist with classroom activities, your help is greatly appreciated.

We value your partnership and look forward to working with you to help your child reach their full potential.

Best wishes,
Mrs Cook

Headteacher