



### Admission to Primary 2024 and Applications for Junior Year 3 places - closing date reminder

As we come to the end of term, please could we please kindly remind parents of nursery age children and Year 2 parents that the closing date for receipt of applications for Reception and Year 3 Junior school places is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 for entry in September. You can either:

- **Apply online via the website:**

For primary age children born between 1.9.19 and 31.8.20 - [Starting Primary School – Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council](#)

For parents of current Year 2 children - [Moving from infant to junior school – Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council](#)  
Online applications are the preferred way of receipt as they import directly into the child's record. Parents who do not already have an account on the Capita Citizen's Portal will need to register and make an account first. The link to "Make an Application" (the portal) can be found within the information on the website.

- **Email** [admissions.enquiries@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.enquiries@rotherham.gov.uk)

Because the office will close between 22<sup>nd</sup> December and 2<sup>nd</sup> January they are unlikely to be able to post a paper copy of the application form in time for parents to return it by the closing date. Therefore, parents who are unable to apply online can **email** [admissions.enquiries@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.enquiries@rotherham.gov.uk) to confirm their preferred schools. Emails should clearly state the name, address and date of birth of the child and the names of the 3 preferred schools with any supporting reasons for preference and documents. They should also include parent's name and contact details.

**Any application received after 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 will be deemed a late application and will not be considered until after the first round of offers are made on 16th April.**

- Parents of children who live in another Local Authority's area **must** apply direct to their home LA, however they can name preferred schools in Rotherham on their application.
- Applications for any child with an EHCP **must** be made via the relevant EHCP Team Assessment co-ordinator and not via the Admissions Team.
- Parents of any child who is in the EHCP process but does not have a final plan naming a school should apply via the Admissions Team, we cannot process applications for special schools.
- Applications for Looked After Children will be obtained from social workers and the virtual school, we cannot accept preferences from the foster carer.

## Reminder: After/Before School Clubs W/C Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

You are now able to book and pay using your Arbor Parent portal by selecting Activities and choosing the **Trip tab**

Please see below for costs, start dates and times.

<b>MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL – 3.05pm – 4.10pm – Indoor Football Skills &amp; Games</b>
For: FS2 to Year 2 – Starts: Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Half Term Price <b>£15 (5 weeks)</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL – 3.05pm – 4.10pm – Sports Hall Athletics Skills &amp; Games</b>
For: FS2 to Year 2 – Starts: Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Half Term Price <b>£ 15 (5 weeks)</b>
<b>FRIDAY BEFORE SCHOOL – 7.45am – 8.30am – Apparatus &amp; Floor Gymnastics Skills &amp; Games</b>
For: FS2 to Year 2 – Starts: Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Half Term Price <b>£15 (5 weeks)</b>

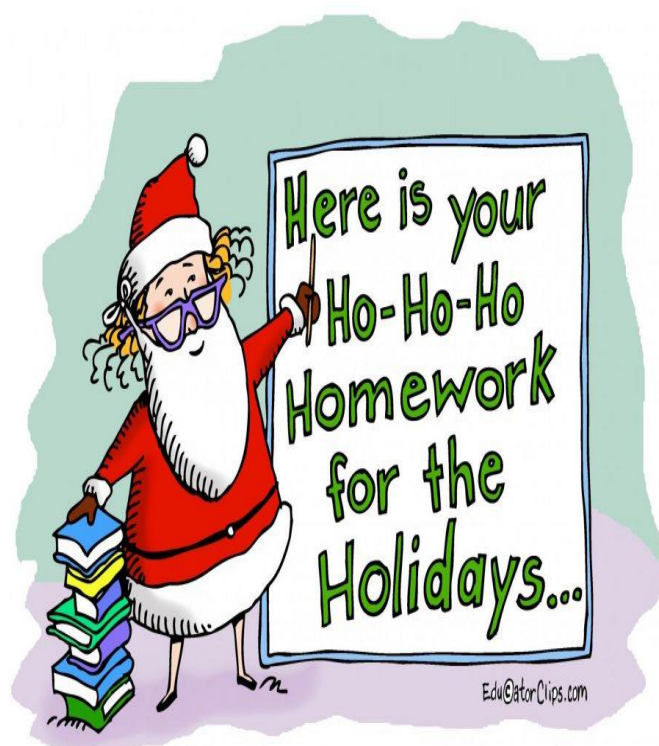
## E - Safety Information for Parent(s)/Carer

Have an E-Safety Christmas. Please see end of newsletter for more information

## Finally,

We would like to say a big 'Thank you' on behalf of all the staff for the many lovely Christmas cards, gifts and warm wishes we have received. May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024** when learning begins again in earnest.



## Whole School Christmas Holiday Homework

### 10 Christmas challenges

- Tell the Christmas Story to someone
- Watch a Christmas movie
- Read a Christmas book
- Spend time talking with your family
- Eat your favourite food
- Make somebody smile or laugh
- Do something kind for somebody
- Help your grownups with something
- Go for a winter walk
- Play a board game

And finally come back to school in 2024 excited for lots of new learning.



# HAVE AN E-SAFETY CHRISTMAS

## 1. PUT PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

IF YOU ARE GIVING YOUR CHILD A NEW DEVICE SUCH AS A TABLET, SMARTPHONE OR GAMES CONSOLE, MAKE SURE YOU SET THE DEVICE UP AND ENABLE THE PARENT CONTROLS. DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO THIS? THEN VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.INTERNETMATTERS.ORG/](https://www.internetmatters.org/)



## 2. MONITOR THE APPS THEY DOWNLOAD

WHEN THEY GET THEIR NEW DEVICE FROM SANTA, THEY WILL WANT TO DOWNLOAD SOME APPS. MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT THEY ARE USING AND CHECK WHO THEY CAN CONNECT WITH. ALSO LOOK AT THE AGE RESTRICTIONS OF THE APP. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.NET-AWARE.ORG.UK](https://www.net-aware.org.uk)



## 3. TALK TO YOU CHILD ABOUT THEIR DIGITAL LIFE

START A REGULAR DIALOGUE WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT THEIR ONLINE LIVES. MAKE SURE THAT THEY CAN SHARE THEIR WORRIES AND CONCERNS WITH YOU. IF YOU WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT POTENTIAL DANGERS, THEN VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.THINKUKNOW.CO.UK/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/)



FINALLY, HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS  
LOVE FROM  
SANTA

