



Rockingham J & I School

Part of Willow Tree Academy

Provision for 2-4 Year Olds



Provision from 2 to 11

With the extensive age range that we offer this gives children consistency through school and improve transition from the 2's Provision in REY to FS1 and then through to Year 6.

The provision is aligned with the school curriculum and with the School values and ethos. We firmly believe that children learn through first hand experience and this begins with our very youngest children.



At Rockingham we feel that the needs of the children in our care should be the first consideration when providing early years care and education. Every child needs to feel cared for, secure and happy to fully enjoy their pre-school experiences. Whilst attending the Early Years you can be assured your child's development and enjoyment are constantly being considered. To ensure we meet the needs of your child, the setting operates a key person system, each practitioner is responsible for a small group of children and will observe, plan and assess as part of an ongoing process.

Welcome to Willow Tree

Welcome to Rockingham Early Years. This booklet is designed to give you all the information you need about the Early Years at Rockingham. Our Early Years is made up of REY (2-3 year olds), F1 & F2.

Practitioners liaise with parents and health professionals to carry out two year progress checks to monitor and assess children's development. We will work closely with parents/carers and share information about individual routines and needs in order to make your child's time with us happy and settled.



We hope that you choose to start your child's educational journey with us and we look forward to building special relationships with you and your child. Watching children grow and learn is a special and privileged part of our job and we would love to share that experience with you.

Our Willow Tree Vision

‘Putting children at the heart of everything we do’



Please visit our school website at <https://www.rockinghamji.co.uk/> to view the opportunities and provision your child will receive at Rockingham. The link below explains our vision for all children attending our school.

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The learning experiences that take place in the Early Years are both broad and balanced to provide for every aspect of a young child’s development with a strong emphasis on learning through play. As practitioners we plan and deliver a curriculum around the child’s interests using the EYFS curriculum. Further information regarding the EYFS is available via the DfE (Department for Education) website. Our activities are always planned in advance and a curriculum plan is available for you to see on our school website.

Payment of fees

Services will be charged for on a monthly basis to be paid in advance with a payment to be received by the 26th of each month. Payments of fees can be made either by bank transfer or Childcare vouchers. We understand that some families also qualify for 15 or 30 hours free childcare.

In REY our current session times for 15 hours are 8:30am-11:30am or 12:30pm-3:30pm. For children qualifying for 30 hours we will arrange this over 4.5 days. Parents can choose to use as much or as little of their funded hours as they would like.

In F1 our 15 hour session times are currently: mornings 8.45am until 11.45am or afternoons 12.15pm until 3.15pm. For children qualifying for 15 hours we only offer 5 morning sessions or 5 afternoon sessions. Wraparound sessions are also available so that children can do a full day at the price of £14.85. For children qualifying for 30 hours we arrange this over 4.5 days. We aim to be flexible in our approach and we will talk to parents individually should other options be required.

If your child is 2 years old you will be charged £4.75 per hour
If your child is 3 or 4 years old you will be charged £4.25 per hour



Attendance

All children are expected to attend agreed contracted sessions unless the child is ill. You must inform school of your child's illness on the first day's absence and any subsequent days (School number 01709 740266). If your child's attendance percentage is below school's target of 96%, you will need to provide proof of illness, in the form of a medical appointment card or medication.



Holidays and Sickness

We ask that you please avoid taking your child on holiday during school time. These absences will be unauthorised and can have a negative impact on your child's attendance and learning. Children will be charged normal fees for term time holidays (unless you are in receipt of 15/30 free hours).

Short term absence due to sickness, appointments or other non-holiday related issues will be charged for at normal prices. Exceptional circumstances eg. broken bones, prolonged hospital stay can be discussed with the School Business Manager to make an exceptional arrangement. A holiday form needs to be completed for all children, however holidays in term time are not authorised.

Our uniform expectations

Below are a few examples of places where you can purchase the royal blue uniform. Please note that it is jade green only and not bottle green which is also available from many suppliers.



Pinders



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To complete your child's school uniform they require:

- white polo shirt/shirt
- black/grey trousers/skirts/pinafore dress (tailored school shorts can also be worn in warmer weather)
- Royal Blue gingham dress
- Royal Blue Jumper/Cardigan
- grey/black tights (no bright colours)
- Black trainers/shoes with no coloured markings. Boots may be worn in winter - no Ugg style boots.

Outdoor play is of vital importance in the early years of childhood. Active outdoor play increases health and physical development. As part of the EYFS curriculum children have free access to the outdoors in all weathers, therefore we offer free flow play every day. We request that you provide your child with clothing appropriate to the weather e.g. warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves. Staff are suitably deployed indoors and outdoors to ensure children are adequately supervised to ensure they can always be seen and heard

Healthy Meals

Children can purchase a healthy school meal at a cost of £2.40, payable through Arbor. There are 4 choices every day - Red - meat option, Yellow - vegetarian option, Blue - chilled choice sandwich, Green - jacket potato with a variety of fillings. A fresh salad bar is also available every day.

Alternatively, children can bring a healthy packed lunch from home (please note no crisps or sweets are allowed in lunchboxes). Our 'Healthy Lunchboxes' leaflet gives further guidance on providing healthy packed lunches.

Communication with School

We like to communicate with parents and carers in a variety of ways. These are just some of the ways you can share your child's learning with us.

- Class Dojo (<https://www.classdojo.com/>)
- School Website (<https://www.rockinghamji.co.uk/>)
- Fortnightly newsletter
- Open door policy - doors open to parents and children for 15 minutes before school starts.

School Contact Details

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