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GENERAL INFORMATION

The School Day

For Key Stage 1 children (formerly known as 'infants' :- Reception, Year 1, Year 2), the school day begins at 9.00am and finishes at 3.25pm. Lunch is from 11.50am to 12.45pm. There is both a morning and afternoon break but the times do sometimes vary.

For Key Stage 2 children (formerly known as 'juniors' :- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) the school day begins at 8.45am and ends at 3.30pm. Lunch is from 12.50pm to 1.50pm. There is a morning break only and the time of this varies.

For nursery children, the morning nursery is from 9.05am to 11.35am and the afternoon nursery is from 12.55pm to 3.25pm. During the winter months, the school closes early at 2.00pm on a Friday afternoon to prepare for Shabbat. In the case of nursery timings, there will be shortened morning and afternoon sessions on Fridays as follows: Morning nursery is from 8.50am to 10.50am and afternoon nursery is from 11.50am to 1.50pm

The school dates for the next academic year are enclosed (Document #3)

Lunch Arrangements

The school has a kosher meat kitchen and all hot meals served will be meat, fish or vegetarian. No dairy products are available. School lunches currently cost £1.60 each day, as set by the London Borough of Redbridge. The school operates a healthy diet policy and children are encouraged to partake of school meals to ensure a balanced intake. A sample of the school menu is shown for information – meal plans are carefully arranged and varied.

Example 1

Meat pie & Gravy
Vegetable Lasagne
Vegetable Couscous
Boiled Potatoes
Sweetcorn / Mixed Salad
Baked Beans
Wholemeal bread / Fruit Juice
Home made Biscuits / Fresh Fruit

Example 2

Roast Lamb / Turkey
Mushroom Risotto
Jacket potatoes
Roast potatoes
Mixed Vegetables / Mixed Salad
Coleslaw
Wholemeal bread / Fruit Juice
Apple Crumble / Fresh Fruit

Example 3

Spaghetti Bolognese
Vegetarian Bolognese
Jacket Potatoes
Carrots / Broccoli
Mixed Salad
Coleslaw
Wholemeal bread / Fruit Juice
Fruit Sponge / Fresh Fruit

Children may bring their own packed lunches but no meat or meat products are allowed. Children eating packed lunches will sit separately from those having meals from the kitchen.

Nursery children are not able to stay for school lunches but they are given free fruit and milk at their snack time. Key stage 1 children are also given free fruit as part of a government funded scheme. Children in Key stage 2 may bring a snack for their morning break consisting of fruit or a cereal bar (not containing chocolate). Sweets, biscuits, cakes, crisps and drinks are not allowed. There are water fountains in the playground.

Please note that nuts and seeds are forbidden as we aim to provide a nut free environment within our school.

Security Arrangements

Recent events, both in the UK and abroad, have heightened awareness of the need for effective security in schools. An important part of the brief to the architects, when the school was being designed, was to ensure that security was an integral part of the structure, both in terms of layout, design and the installation of modern security technology.

Furthermore, training is in place for all members of staff while pupils will take part in frequent drills together with practice and awareness sessions. Security systems and equipment are regularly checked to ensure that all safeguards are operational and properly maintained.

However, security is also about physical presence and vigilance. For this to work, there must be an effective relationship between the school staff, parents, the local authority and the police.

Parental Responsibility

Active participation by parents remains such an important element within our security arrangements. Our parents clearly understand that admission of their child to Clore Tikva carries an automatic responsibility for the safety and welfare of all the children during the school day.

The school operates a security rota, co-ordinated and managed by a part-time security officer which entails a parental commitment of just one or two sessions per month, each lasting no longer than twenty (20) minutes. Each parent is expected to fulfil their security duty and will be included in the rota from the time their child/ren start attending the school.

Before and After School

The point where children are delivered to, and collected from, school is particularly sensitive in terms of security. This occurs at the same time and place each day and parents will be notified in writing of any changes that maybe necessary.

Parents must never leave a child at the school unless delivered directly to a responsible member of staff, or into the playground were a member of staff is on duty. As a general rule, staff will not allow children to leave the school premises unless they are sure about the person(s) collecting them.

If it becomes necessary for you to arrange for someone who is unfamiliar with the school (e.g a grandparent) to collect your child, you must notify the school office of the change well in advance.

Please do not be upset or offended if a teacher declines to hand over a child before seeking higher authority clarification or making additional checks – he/she is only doing so in order to protect your child.