



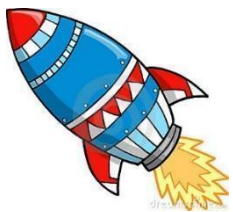
# Welcome to



## Clarendon School Primary Centre

### An introduction to Rocket Class

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## **Welcome to Rockets Class**

Starting a new school or new class is an exciting and sometimes daunting time. We hope that this booklet, providing general information about Rockets Class, is helpful and will reassure you and your child over the summer holidays so that they are happy about starting in Rockets class in September. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to talk to a member of the school staff or visit our website <https://www.clarendon.richmond.sch.uk/>. You may also like to watch our school film 'Our Little Dreams' and see our school song on there too.

### **Rockets Class Teachers**



**Juliet Harrowell**



**Tarha Luis-Afonso**

Rockets class will also be supported by the following Teaching Assistants to support children during the school day:



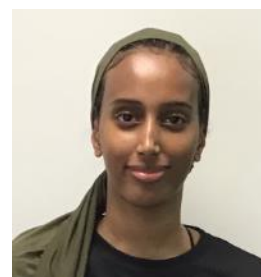
**Iveta Rodova**



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## Rockets Class



## The playground

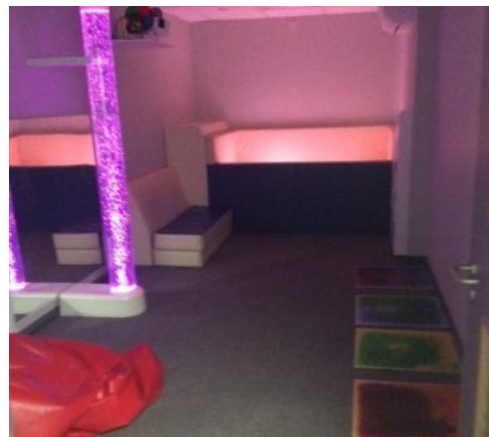




## The Dining Hall



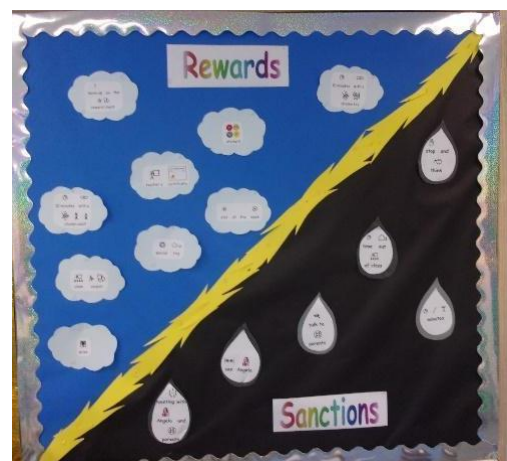
## The Sensory Room



## Class rules



## Rewards and sanctions



## **Documentation**

Please ensure that all forms you have been given by the school are completed and returned before your child starts in September. It is vital that we have all the information we need to ensure that your child is safe and happy. We need up to date contact details (including emergency contacts), medical information and photography permissions. We also need to know who will be collecting your child from school (family or transport). If there are any changes then please notify us immediately.

## **The First Day**

On your child's first day at school in September they will be welcomed at the entrance by a member of staff and taken to their class. During the first day and start of the new school year there will be a range of tailored activities within Rockets class so that pupils get to know each other, and the routines and structure of the day. Pupils will become familiar with the class and school reward system and we look forward to them celebrating their achievements with you.

## **Class Kit**

In Rockets class children learn in the classroom and we also have a range of outdoor activities and educational visits throughout the year. Consequently, pupils need equipment for learning inside and outside in all weathers. Your child will need wellington boots (labelled with your child's name), a waterproof coat, warm clothes in winter and a hat and suntan lotion in summer. Pupils will also need spare clothes in a small bag (to stay in school) and any items required for personal care if needed.

For PE lessons please can you provide your child with a clearly named top, shorts, tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls or trainers in a small, named drawstring bag (to stay in school).

For the school day please could your child have a book bag or small bag (eg supermarket bag for life), which will go between home and school each day. In it will be your child's home school diary, books to read at home, any letters, additional clothing and work they have produced. We ask that children **do not** bring large bags, e.g. backpacks, into school as we do not have space to store these in class.

## **Curriculum & Teaching**

Within Clarendon Primary and Rockets class pupils follow a differentiated curriculum based upon the National Curriculum and we adopt a themed approach, where each half term there is a different whole school theme. Rockets class half termly curriculum overviews can be found on the website. Pupils develop their maths and literacy skills through direct teaching and real life experiences, and our curriculum has a strong focus on life skills. We will be discussing and sharing your child's targets and next steps during parents' meetings. We hear pupils read every day and work on their comprehension.

The staff use a combination of teaching techniques and tools including Makaton, visual timetables, SCERTs, Attention Autism, intensive interaction, cued articulation and TEACCH (amongst others) to support each student to achieve their potential.

## **Reading books**

Your child will bring home a reading book each week. This book typically is a familiar book, linked to your child's phonics level (from Little Wandle) and will be a book that they have previously read in class. Please return this book to school to be changed weekly.

## **Homework**

We understand that Clarendon Primary and Rockets aged pupils are often tired after an active day at school, but if you feel your child would benefit from additional learning at home we recommend:

Reading with them on a daily basis

- Starting to build up their knowledge and understanding of the world around them and current affairs, for example, watching CBBC Newsround
- Recording any news about what they have done at home to 'show and tell' in front of class
- Start to recognise and manage small amounts of money
- Developing their skills and understanding for telling the time using on analogue and/or digital clocks
- Interactive learning platform to practise spelling and reading (Nessy)

## **Routines**

When Rockets pupils come to school they go straight to their classroom to put their belongings away. Adults will often choose this time to listen to readers if they arrive at school before 9.00.

Pupils then go into the playground until 9:15 for an active start, which is so important after many pupils have been on transport for some time before school.

Following the active start, pupils go into the dining hall for breakfast, nurture and 'communication time'. There are a range of healthy breakfast options.

This is followed by a themed assembly, and then all pupils go back to class by 9.50am ready for learning.

### **Dropping Off and Collecting Your Child**

If your child comes to school on transport, a member of staff will meet them from their minibus or taxi when it arrives. If you bring your child to school, the main entrance will be open from 8.30am until 8.50am and then again at 15.00. If you arrive after this time, you will have to go through the main entrance and your child will be signed in via the school office. Please make sure you arrive on time. It can be very upsetting for a child if they miss the start of the day or are the last one left at the end of the day. The children must be collected by an adult. If someone else will be collecting your child, please let the office know.

### **Illness and Absences**

Children who become ill during the school day are looked after by Rockets staff and if necessary, parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child. It is very important that we have an up-to-date contact telephone number on which we can contact you during the school day. To avoid the spread of viruses, please do not bring your child to school if they are feeling unwell. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they cannot come into school until 48 hours after the last bout. Please telephone the school office if your child is going to be absent. Please note, absences will only be authorised for reasons such as illness or genuine family emergencies. We strongly recommend you do not take your child on holiday during term time, as this can be very disruptive to their learning and friendships. Term time holidays will not be authorised.

### **Food and Drink**

We have sinks in each classroom from which drinking water is available. Each child is encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle. Fruit, toast, cereal, porridge, water and milk will be provided for the children at breakfast time. We recommend all children eat our healthy school lunches. However, if you would prefer your child to bring a packed lunch, we would like you to support our Packed Lunch Policy. We do not allow sweets, glass bottles, fizzy drinks or cans in packed lunches.

We are a NUT FREE and ORANGE FREE school. We have children and staff who have allergies to nuts and oranges and who could be seriously ill if they come into contact with these. Please do not send any nut products into school or include oranges in lunch boxes.

## **Uniform**

The school has a uniform policy, which all children are required to follow. Most uniform items can be purchased locally from stores and supermarkets. The only item with the school logo on is our school jumper. We do have a limited stock at school that can be purchased from the school office or alternatively ordered online through our stockist Stitch Design. Details can be found on our website under the parents section. A uniform list is enclosed in your welcome pack and can also be found on the school website. Please ensure that every item is clearly named. Please ensure your child brings a waterproof coat into school every day.

## **Jack the dog**





Jack is a friendly cocker spaniel and also our school dog. He is based in Galaxy class but visits other classes to see all of the children and staff at Clarendon Primary. He also enjoys some playtime spending time with the pupils and staff. Jack is training as a school therapy dog and helps to support the pupils, improve self-esteem, regulate and calm and develop empathy and emotional literacy. He has also helped children to overcome their fear of dogs and learn how to behave around dogs in the environment.

### **Queries or Concerns**

At Clarendon, we have an open door policy. You can talk to Rockets staff if there are any concerns. If there are urgent issues, then please see any member of Rockets staff. If you feel you need more time, you are welcome to arrange an appointment with your child's teacher. Once a term, you will have a chance to meet with the staff at parents evening to discuss the progress of your child. Dates of these meetings will be given to you in advance and can be found on the school website.

### **Information**

The curriculum overview can be found on the school website. The school has a texting and emailing service and will contact you with reminders and information.

### **Specialist Therapy Team**

At Clarendon Primary Centre, we have Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, an Educational Psychologist and Counsellors who will work alongside the teaching teams, as required, to support individual students and classes. We also offer 'Family group' to Clarendon Primary Centre families, providing an opportunity for a family member and child to work with other parents in school, helping and supporting each other. Our Family Partnership Worker is available to speak with parents and to provide support. Please contact the school office.

### **Special Occasions**

We like to celebrate the children's birthdays, as it is an important time for them and it makes them feel very special. We know that some parents like to bring something in for the class to share to celebrate their child's birthday. We also celebrate festivals and special days, as this helps the children gain an understanding of the different cultures and religions in our community. Parents are welcome to contribute ideas for activities and any information on festivals they celebrate.

### **Thank you and Final Important Note**

We are really looking forward to welcoming you in September.