

Ryefield Bulletin

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Ryefield Primary School: Protocol for Handheld Fans

General principles

- Handheld fans may be allowed during periods of extreme heat, at the school’s discretion.
- **For EYFS and KS1, fans must be paper-based, handheld fans.**
- **For KS2, the fans must be simple, safe designs (e.g. soft-bladed or bladeless fans) suitable for primary-aged children. No plug-in, USB-charged or battery-operated fans with exposed blades are permitted.**
- All fans must be clearly labelled with the child’s name.

Age-specific guidance

EYFS / Key Stage 1 (Nursery, Reception, Y1-Y2)

- Fans should only be brought if they meet the criteria above.
- Fans will be kept in book bags and given to children during appropriate times (e.g. breaktime, lunch, or calm classroom moments).
- Fans must not be used during active play, PE, or group work to prevent accidents or distraction.

Key Stage 2 (Y3-Y6)

- Children may bring fans at their parents’ discretion during hot weather, but they must follow school rules:
 - Use quietly and respectfully without distracting others.
 - Keep fans on their desk or person.
 - Put fans away when asked by an adult.
- Fans must not be shared with other children.

Staff response to inappropriate use

- First time: Gentle reminder of expectations and safe use.
- Second time: Fan is removed for the remainder of the lesson or day; returned at home time.
- Repeated misuse: The fan is sent home, and parents are informed. The child may not bring a fan again without prior agreement with the headteacher.

Medical exceptions

- Where a child has a documented medical need for cooling support (e.g. heat intolerance, eczema, asthma), parents/carers need to contact the school welfare officer.

Alternative school provision

- The school will make additional adjustments, such as making amendments to/the school uniform policy, e.g. no ties, jumpers, etc, ensuring access to shaded areas or cool spaces during extreme heat, and encouraging children to stay hydrated.

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28TH TO 31ST
JULY

10AM-
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Hot Weather

Help your child win Dojo points by being prepared for the summer sunshine. With the ongoing warm weather and lack of hats and water bottles being brought into school, from Monday, we are incentivising children to do this by using DOJO points!

If your child wears a summer hat and brings in a water bottle = it is 2 DOJOs = EASY!!

If more than half the class brings in their hats and water bottles, then we're also offering a bonus marble. This marble will increase their chance of having a marble party. These incentives can be won EVERY DAY between now and the end of the term.



Summer Dates

June

- 25th June: Class Photo
- 26th June: SEND Coffee Morning
- 27th June: School closed (INSET Day)

JULY

- 1st July: New to Reception transition coffee morning
- 3rd July: EYFS Sports Day
- 4th July: KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
- 8th July: Open classrooms to meet your child's new teacher
- 11th July: Reports go out
- 15 - 16th July: Y6 Show
- 16th July: Talent Show
- 18th July: Leavers' Disco
- 21st July: Year 6 Funday
- 22nd July: End of term.

Bikes and Scooters on the playground

Playgrounds are essential spaces for children to have fun, socialise, and engage in physical activities. However, ensuring the safety of children in these areas is of paramount importance. Recent incidents have highlighted the need for **parents to be vigilant and prevent their children from riding bikes and scooters across playgrounds**. In the interest of everyone's well-being, it's crucial for parents to reinforce the importance of pedestrian safety and the appropriate use of bikes and scooters. We would like to remind parents of their role in maintaining a safe and enjoyable playground environment.

1. Promote Awareness of Playground Safety: Parents play a significant role in teaching their children about safety rules and responsible behaviour, both at home and in public spaces. The playground is no exception. Please reinforce the importance of playground safety by discussing it with your child regularly. Explain that bikes and scooters should be left outside the playground to prevent accidents and injuries.

2. Encourage Respect for Pedestrian Zones: Playgrounds are pedestrian zones to ensure a safe space for children to move around freely. Teach your child about respecting these areas and not riding their bikes or scooters within them. Explain that these zones are specifically designed for walking and running, allowing children to play safely without the risk of collisions.

3. Set Clear Boundaries: Support the school by clearly communicating that riding bikes and scooters within the play area is not allowed. Encourage them to understand and follow these rules consistently, emphasising that they are in place to keep everyone safe. Reinforce the consequences of not adhering to these boundaries, such as temporarily revoking bike or scooter privileges if necessary.

4. Engage in Supervision: While playgrounds often have staff members supervising activities, their attention may be divided among multiple children. As a parent, it's crucial to actively supervise your child's behaviour in the playground. By staying alert and watching over your child, you can quickly intervene if they attempt to ride their bike or scooter where it's not permitted. The playground should be a safe haven for children to have fun and enjoy themselves.

Children MUST NOT ride their bikes and scooters on the playground or field. They MUST dismount where they see the signs.

Through supporting us, parents can help minimise the risk of accidents and collisions. Educating children about pedestrian safety, setting clear boundaries, leading by example, fostering empathy, and actively supervising their activities are all vital steps in creating a secure and enjoyable playground environment.

Together, we can ensure that every child's playtime is filled with laughter, joy, and above all, safety.