



Our Mission Statement – the reason our College exists

“Learning & Growing in the Light of the Gospel”

With Christ at the centre of our learning, we:

- *Help young people to achieve their greatest potential*
- *Guide their intellectual growth, nurture their God-given talents, and inspire them to live in service to others*
- *Aim to develop honest, confident, responsible and compassionate members of society, based on the educational values of Blessed Antonio Rosmini*

Our Vision Statement – the long-term change resulting from our work

‘ Encouraging Big Ideas’

Ratcliffe’s unique educational offering based on our College motto, “Legis Plenitudo Charitas”, Love is the fulfilment of the Law, provides a perfect context within which young people may acquire the emotional knowledge and interpersonal skills necessary to live happy and purposeful lives. The College’s inclusive Catholic ethos is complemented by the outstanding quality of our College community through which our Mission, “Learning and Growing in the Light of the Gospel”, serves to nurture resilience and develop maturity. Young people leave Ratcliffe with a strong sense of who they are and their purpose in the world, equipped socially, emotionally, morally and spiritually to go forth and make a difference to the communities in which they live and work.

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EYFS Supervision of Children Policy

Rationale and Introduction

In the Nursery, the safety of the children is paramount and the children are supervised at all times, both inside and outside of the building. The staff will always keep children under close observation and predominantly are always within sight and hearing. Children are always within sight or hearing.

Morning Care 8-8:50am

This is staffed by a teacher and a nursery assistant between 8-8.30am. It takes place in the Nursery playground or a classroom when wet. At 8.30am when Reception begins their school day, at least two members of staff are left on the playground with Cygnet and Swans children. More staff are added if there are more than 16 children.

Nursery Classrooms Reception, Swans and Cygnets 8.30-11:45am; 1-3:30pm

The children work in age-appropriate rooms with a lead teacher or class teacher. They are observed at all times, by the Nursery staff. The correct ratios are adhered to. Nursery assistants are responsible for the group of children that the class teacher has designated. The class teacher / lead teacher has overall responsibility for their class of children. Where children attend a specialist lesson in the PS, the class teacher/ lead teacher or the PS member of staff will collect and drop children. Two members of staff will always be with a group of children not on the Nursery site.

Morning and Afternoon Play

The children are supervised at play in the Nursery playground by 1, 2 or 3 members of staff (depending on where the children are playing and the number of children on the playground). All members of the Nursery staff remain in the Nursery building and are at hand if an accident should occur. A Paediatric First Aider is on the premises at all times. The playground duty staff pass first aid or toileting duties onto another member of staff at the Nursery entrance. Children are always within sight and hearing of an adult when eating snack.

Lunch 11.45 – 1.00pm

This is staffed primarily by three lunchtime supervisors and one member of Nursery staff. The children are appropriately supervised in the refectory by these four members of staff. Staff are at hand to help the children make healthy choices at lunchtime. The children are supervised in the playground after lunch by three lunchtime supervisors. One member of Nursery staff is on duty to help with toileting and first aid. Additional Nursery staff are in the Nursery building if required. Children are always within sight and hearing of an adult when eating lunch.

Story time 3.15 – 3.30pm

This is taken by a member of the Nursery staff or Senior Leadership Team. All the Nursery staff remain in the building.

Afterschool Care 3.30 – 6.00pm

This is staffed by 2 members of Nursery Staff. The Head of EYFS or a qualified teacher with QTS is always on the Nursery Premises (or on occasions where they are needed in meetings elsewhere in the school, is always contactable via mobile phone). There is a qualified Paediatric First Aider on the premises should an accident occur. Aftercare takes place on the Nursery site.

Staff

Staff are responsible for all children in their care (whether this is a class of children, or a small group of children in a phonics/outdoor session, or children on the playground at playtime). The Head of EYFS will ensure that EYFS ratios are always adhered to. Where staff are unhappy about the responsibility of children in their care, they must inform the Head of EYFS.

Review

This policy is reviewed annually by the Head of EYFS.