

WESTERN DOWNLAND CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

As a school we live by the motto 'the roots to grow and the wings to fly,' and through every step of your child's journey here we endeavor to do just that for them.

Through our three Christian values of Love, Righteousness and Fellowship we hope to prepare your child for the future within a caring, nurturing and beautiful setting. If you have any questions about the school or transition, do feel free to contact us using the details below.

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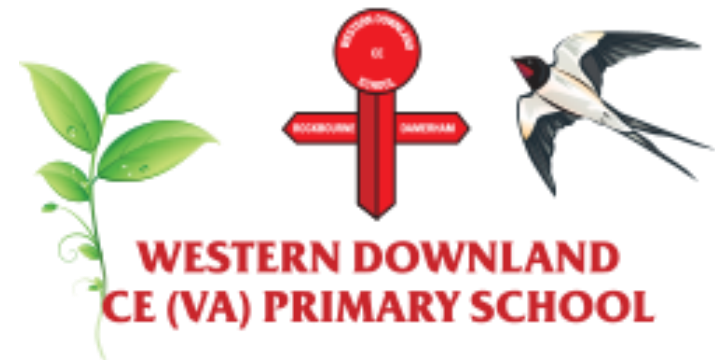
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Damerham to Rockbourne Transition



**CONTINUING THE ROOTS TO
GROW AND THE WINGS TO FLY**

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A BIG JUMP...

We know that change is a scary time in any child or adult's life so we have put this booklet together to help smooth the transition from year 2 at the Damerham site to year 3 at the Rockbourne site

William H says- 'Year 3 is so fun, because you have the sleepover just before October Half-Term. I also recommend having the new Street Food every day!! Rockbourne has awesome play equipment for playtime including bungees and tarpaulins so you can make the best dens'



Michael F says "When I was going to the transition day, I was scared to begin with but Elizabeth said there's nothing to be scared of.. Then I met Miss Savage and she was so nice- I think all of the year 2s will have a great time with her "



BIRCH CLASS

Birch class was named after the Birch tree which is a symbol of new beginnings. Just as a birch tree signifies hope, new beginnings and a promise of what is to come, we hope that your child's time in Birch class prepares them for the new journey into junior primary education.

Izzie L says ' I was really worried about going up to Rockbourne but the year 6s were really helpful and made me feel so welcome. It helped knowing children who were already there and I am happy to help any of you next year!

CONTINUING THE LEARNING JOURNEY

Before your children start school in September, Miss Savage meets with Mrs Worsfold and Mrs Kirkcaldy to discuss all areas of your child's learning so that we can put things in place for your child when they come up to Rockbourne. If your child is currently within our ELSA programme with Mrs Emmony this will be continued into year 3. In terms of extra support for learning, Miss Savage (along with the information from year 2) will be assessing all children in the first few weeks at Rockbourne. Those that already have extra support will continue to do so. If Miss Savage or any other teacher at Rockbourne feels your child needs extra support either in learning or emotional support, you will be contacted so it can be discussed with you. The best way to help your children to progress and be prepared for their future is to work together so do feel free to contact Miss Savage if you need to!

WHAT DO THEY NEED?

In the same way as Damerham, all resources for learning are provided by the school. This means that children do not need to have their own pencil case in school. They will be provided with pens, pencils, rulers and everything they need to learn at school. We recommend that children bring a small bag to put their belongings in (eg. reading folder).

They will need to bring a healthy snack for break times (or money to buy a snack sold by the school kitchen) and a water bottle. For those not having school dinners, they will need a packed lunch.

PE kits will be needed for a Monday afternoon in year 3 and during the first half of summer term the children will have Forest School so they will need their Forest School kits.

When the weather is sunny, we ask that children bring in a hat and when it is cold, please come to school with a coat. Remember to name all items- we try our very best to return lost items but it can be very hard when they are unnamed.

FAQ

What are the start/finish times of the school day at Rockbourne?

Children can be dropped off from 8.40 where their teacher will be in class ready to receive them. The school day (registration) begins at 8.55. Children are to be collected at 15.30.

Where can I park to drop off/pick up my child/ren?

Parking is very restricted. We rely on parents to take a responsible attitude to ensure the safety of all children. We actively encourage parents and children to make the most of our beautiful countryside and to use local footpaths located around both our school sites. The Friends have put together a helpful document about parking:

<http://www.westerndownland.hants.sch.uk/Rockbourne%20Parking.pdf>

Do I need to reapply for a bus pass even if my child already uses the bus?

Yes, you will need to reapply for a bus pass as the drop off and pick up points may be different.

What clubs can my child be a part of and how do they sign up?

Each term, a list of clubs will be sent out along with a sign-up sheet and payment details if needed.

How will the children know when break time or lunch time is over?

At the end of break time, the bell will be rung. On hearing the bell, children are expected to stop what they are doing and stand still. The adult on duty will then call out class by class to walk back down to the classroom. At lunchtime, ten minutes before the end of lunch a Loo Bell will be rung. This is a time for your child to pack away any equipment and make sure they have been to the toilet, if they haven't done so already. The bell will ring again and the children will follow the same procedure for lunch time to get back into class, where their teacher will be waiting.

YOUR NEW CLASSROOM

The classrooms at the Rockbourne site are a bit different to the Damerham classrooms, mainly being that they are smaller. This means there is less room for carpet space so our learning is based around table groups. In year three, children will usually have a home table and then different table groups depending on different learning we are doing.

All the tables are named after an ice lolly!



To welcome your child into their new class, Miss Savage will be there. As well as Miss Savage, they will meet Mrs Lambert who is in the office (she is the Rockbourne version of Mrs Bullen!) and she



your child with anything they may need. There will be some new faces for your child to meet at Rockbourne as well as some they already know. From left to right we have; Mr Gilbert in Rowan Class, Mrs Guymer in Beech Class, Mrs Miller in Oak Class, Mrs Nicholls (LSA) Mrs Rudgyard (LSA), Miss Wilcox (Head Teacher)



THE SCHOOL DAY

We do things a little bit differently...

8.40- 9.05

Children arrive at the front door.

Children are expected to come in on their own to promote independence (don't worry, there will be plenty of teachers and pupils to help you find your way!)

Children come in and get on with their early bird task (Miss Savage always puts it up on the whiteboard for you).



During this time, the register will be taken and lunches will be chosen.

9.05-9.20

Worship

9.20- 10.30

Maths lesson that begins with a 10-15 min mental maths session in class.

10.30-10.45

Break time

10.45-12.20

English session which includes a daily SPAG warm up, reading session and writing session.

12.20- 13.20

Lunch

13.20-15.30

The two afternoon sessions. We will break the learning time up with activity (Joe Wicks, Golden Mile etc.)

BREAK AND LUNCH

Children have a 15 minute break time from 10.30 to 10.45 everyday. This is a chance to relax, unwind and spend time with friends out on the field (during summer), on the playground or in the Ludos area. This is also the time to make sure they go to the toilet- at Rockbourne we try not to let children leave the class to go the toilet (unless there is a valid medical reason) during learning time.

The Ludos area is the perfect place to have a bit of quiet time with friends. There is chalk to write on the blackboard, marble run and a lovely reading chair for those who may want to tell a story.

The playground and field are great places to play games with their friends. We have a range of equipment to use from skipping ropes and balls, to tennis nets and football goals.

Snacks and Tuck Shop

Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack with them to school to have at break time. Lunch is 20 minutes later than at Damerham and their tummy will notice if they don't have a snack!

The Tuck shop is open daily in the hall where you can buy bread rolls, biscuits and a variety of drinks. **Put in some prices**- waiting on Nicki.

Lunch

Depending on the time of the year, lunch is served in different sittings. Year 3 and 4 are served When everyone from year 3 and 4 has finished, they go outside for lunch time break.