

Red Hall Primary School

Bright Start Breakfast Club Policy



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Rationale:

At Red Hall Primary School, we recognise the positive impact that a nutritious breakfast and a calm start to the day can have on children's wellbeing, attendance, concentration and readiness to learn.

Our **Bright Start Club** provides all children with the opportunity to enjoy a healthy breakfast in a welcoming and supportive environment before the start of the school day. The club aims to help children feel settled, connected and prepared for learning through positive interaction with peers and trusted adults.

The ethos of Bright Start Club is:

- Re-fuel
- Re-set
- Get ready for the day ahead

Aims:

The Bright Start Club aims to:

- Provide access to a healthy breakfast free of charge.
- Support children's emotional wellbeing and readiness for learning.
- Offer a calm, inclusive and welcoming start to the school day.
- Encourage positive social interaction and friendships.
- Promote healthy eating habits.
- Ensure all children feel safe, valued and supported.
- Provide access to trusted adults before the start of the school day.

Provision Details:

Bright Start Club operates:

- Main provision: 8.15am - 8.45am
- Strive provision: 8.30am - 9.00am
- No booking required - children can attend as needed
- Free to all pupils as part of the DfE National School Breakfast Programme
- Staffed by: Teaching Assistants and a Safeguarding Lead

Arrival:

- Children line up at the entrance in their classes, ready for the door to open at 8.15am (or 8.30am for Strive)
- All children will be recorded on the register **BEFORE** entry to the school building to ensure an accurate register in the event of a fire alarm
- A member of staff will take the register while another member of staff supports with any issues
- Parents/guardians **ARE NOT** permitted to enter the school building unless via the main entrance where they must sign in

What We Offer:

Children attending Bright Start Club have access to a healthy breakfast, which may include:

- Cereals
- Toast
- Fruit
- Yoghurts
- Water and other approved drinks

Alongside breakfast, children may choose from a range of low-key activities including:

- Reading
- Drawing and colouring
- Table-top activities
- Puzzles and games
- Quiet social time with friends
- Conversations with trusted adults
- On occasions, themed sessions such as Feel-Good Fridays may take place.
- We welcome input from the pupils to ensure that his club is

Arrival Procedures:

Mainstream Pupils:

- Children should arrive from **8:15am**.
- Attendance will be recorded on the Bright Start register upon arrival.
- Registers will be maintained to support safeguarding and emergency procedures.

STRIVE Pupils:

- Children should arrive from **8:30am**.
- Attendance procedures will follow the school's safeguarding and registration arrangements for STRIVE pupils.

Parents and carers should ensure children arrive safely at the designated entrance.

Expectations:

Bright Start Club promotes the school's values and Code of Conduct:

- Take care of yourself
- Take care of others
- Take care of your school

Children are encouraged to:

- Show kindness and respect towards others.
- Use polite and positive language.
- Follow instructions from staff.
- Respect equipment and the environment.
- Make safe choices.

The club provides a softer and less structured environment than the school day while maintaining appropriate expectations for behaviour and safety.

Safeguarding:

Safeguarding remains the highest priority during Bright Start Club.

- All school safeguarding procedures apply throughout the session.
- Any safeguarding concerns will be reported immediately to the DSL.
- Concerns and incidents will be recorded on CPOMS in line with school procedures.
- Attendance records will be maintained for safeguarding and emergency purposes.

Additional Needs:

Red Hall Primary School is committed to ensuring Bright Start Club is fully inclusive. Reasonable adjustments will be made to support pupils with:

- SEND
- Medical needs
- Social, emotional and mental health needs

The STRIVE provision offers additional flexibility and support where appropriate.

Unacceptable Behaviour:

The following behaviours are unacceptable:

- Fighting
- Bullying (physical and verbal)
- Racial or sexual abuse
- Vandalism
- Theft
- Verbal/physical assault on adults

Reporting and consequences:

- All incidents must be dealt with by class teachers, team leaders, or SLT
- Breakfast Club staff must report incidents to class teachers and log on CPOMS
- Persistent disruptive behaviour and/or not following the rules may lead to exclusion from Bright Start Club

Safeguarding:

- A Safeguarding Lead is present at all Bright Start Club sessions
- All staff follow the school's safeguarding policy and procedures
- Any safeguarding concerns are reported immediately via CPOMS and to the Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Now part of DfE National School Breakfast Programme **(from June 2026)**
- Rebranded as 'Bright Start Club' with softer start approach
- No booking required - open access
- Free to all pupils
- Staffed by Teaching Assistants and Safeguarding Lead
- Focus on building independence
- Separate timing for STRIVE provision (8.30-9.00am)