



Rawmarsh Ryecroft Infant School

Water Policy

Reviewed: September 2025

Next Review Due: September 2027

Provision of Drinking Water Policy

At Ryecroft we believe all children should have access to clean drinking water during the day to support their ability to learn.

Aims

- To ensure that all children and teaching staff have access to drinking water at all times during the school day.
- To encourage children to drink more water at school so that they remain properly hydrated.

Objectives

- To give pupils access to water during lunch and break times, as well as during lessons. During hot weather pupils will be encouraged to have additional drinks.
- Water bottles will be cleaned daily at home.
- Each pupil will be able to have access to a plastic bottle filled with water. Juice or flavoured waters are not allowed as they do not support a healthy diet or good oral health.
- Canned and glass bottled drinks will not be allowed due to health and safety considerations.
- Pupils will be allowed to refill their water bottles at a designated sink/area if necessary.
- Plastic cups will be supplied for pupils who do not have a water bottle.

SEND/Inclusion

- Some children need to take specific medication during the day (Movicol etc) which may need specific fluid. School will liaise with individual parents to support this if it has been prescribed by a doctor.

Expected Outcomes

- Pupils remain alert and there is a reduction in the incidence of tiredness, headaches and general inability to concentrate.
- Health problems including urinary tract infections, bed wetting and constipation are reduced.
- Pupil behaviour and focus is improved.
- Pupils' mental and physical performances are improved.