



Park Primary School

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"Park Primary School continues to be good. It has a strong sense of purpose and buzz of excitement that characterise the school's industrious and happy atmosphere." OFSTED – May 2018

'Hashtag: Welcome'

Friday 10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome back - and also can I just say a special welcome to our new parents! In fact as you will see from my introduction, it has been a week of welcomes!

Isn't it great to be back?! It's been great to see our pupils once again. Honestly, seeing the many smiley faces and 'Good morning' wishes is a sheer delight, and enough to make anyone feel happy!

It's been a really successful first week and a great start to our new academic year. By Wednesday morning we had welcomed **all** our pupils back (full time) and the whole school was alive once again.

We have also welcomed our many new pupils joining Park; all of our new starters in Foundation Stage, as well as pupils who have moved to our school – in fact we are still welcoming more next week too!

Our new members of staff have also settled in well to life at Park, already making a positive impact and helping to move our school forward further.

We have also welcomed our new Place2Be School Project Manager; Jo Fowls to Park. She will be coordinating our school councillors every Wednesday and Thursday and will be at one of the school gates on those mornings if you would like a chat with her.

We have welcomed Miss Kate, Mr Finch and Miss Morrison to Park as Associate Teachers through our Wallasey Schools Direct program.

Finally, today we have welcomed Terry Mail to Park. Terry will be doing some cover for our premises manager, Arlo, whilst he has a small operation. So don't panic if you don't see Arlo at the school gate – he will return!

Please take some time to read today's letter as it contains some really useful information as well as giving you important dates for your diary. There is also a couple of things for you to do to!

Have a lovely (hopefully dry) weekend.

Mr M Mellin
Headteacher

Pastoral Team News

At Park Primary we want everyone involved in our school community to feel welcomed and supported. We aim to provide a safe place where our children are supported to overcome any barriers to learning, and where families are supported during challenges they may face.

Our Pastoral Team is made up of:

- Mrs Alison Theobald – Assistant Headteacher/Pastoral Team Leader
- Mrs Audrey O’Callaghan – Pastoral Assistant & Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA)
- Mrs Pauline Warrington – Pastoral Assistant (Attendance)
- Mrs Vicki Parry-Yates – Pastoral Assistant (Behaviour/Attachment & Trauma/ACES)
- Mr Jack Roberts – Pastoral Assistant
- Mrs Sandra Marsden – Pupil, Parent/Carer Link Officer
- Mrs Jo Fowles – Place2Be Project Manager

The Pastoral Team will continue to be supported by Mrs Dunne (Deputy Head and Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Smyth (SENDco) and Claire Owens (Next Chapter)

They will work alongside families, children and teachers to offer extra support when and if needed ensuring that a confidential, professional and non-judgmental service is provided.

Please click [here](#) to access a questionnaire about Pastoral Support and look out for more information over the coming weeks detailing the support we can offer.

Behaviour Update



Your child will have come home this week with a new water bottle to celebrate our new behaviour launch and hopefully they have been talking about our new school rules:-

Ready. Respectful. Safe.

We will be focusing our praise and attention on those children making the right choices, showing the behaviours we expect and who are going above and beyond.

Over the coming week we will be doing lots of work with children about our new rules and making our expectations of behaviour very clear.

Look out for more information and our new Behaviour Policy coming soon!

Meet our Pastoral Team: this week, a message from Sandra Marsden

"I am really looking forward to meeting everyone in the Park family. My role is Pupil Parent/Carer School link officer. Part of my role will be supporting families within school with absolutely anything whether that be big or small. I am excited to be working alongside you all to support you and your child within their journey here. Please come and see me if there is anything I can help you with."

Sandra Marsden

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COVID Update

Just a quick reminder and reflection on our first week back.

Drop Off and Collection Information

Gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am for drop off.

Gated open at 3.10pm and close at 3.30pm for collection.

What's working well..?

- Continuing to use the three school gates – this has really helped spread everyone out.
- The vast majority of parents are abiding by our procedures, waiting in the correct places and maintaining social distance whilst waiting to collect

Even Better If..?

- It would really help if parents didn't arrive at school before the gates open. Try and time your arrival onto school grounds at the correct time. This would reduce some congestion as the gates open.
- Remember, to keep our numbers down, only one adult should come in to school to drop off and collect children.
- Remember to dress appropriately for the weather. Bring waterproofs or an umbrella for wet weather and sun treatment for when its hot.

What do I do if my child is showing COVID symptoms ?

Book a PCR test as soon as possible and wait for the result. If children are displaying symptoms, they should remain at home until the result comes back – currently within 12 hours.

[Click here for the latest guidance](#)

COVID Cases in School.

I am pleased that the number of positive COVID-19 cases within school is low.

We have not noticed any obvious transmission within school. However, we are expecting there to be an increase in positive cases over the next couple of weeks.

It is important that if you are contacted by NHS Track and Trace or if you or your child are symptomatic, that you go for a PCR test.

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Reminders

Classes For 2021-2022

Foundation Stage	Foundation1	Hedgehogs – mornings	Ms Knight
		Squirrels - afternoons	Ms Knight
	Foundation 2	Badger Class	Mrs Smith and Mrs Smith
		Fox Class	Miss Allen
Key Stage One	Year 1	Class 1:	Mrs Freeman and Mrs Keown
		Class 2:	Mr Jones
	Year 2	Class 3	Miss Johnson and Miss Hearty
		Class 4	Miss Austin and Miss Hearty
Key Stage Two	Year 3	Class 5	Mrs Doolan and Mrs Furness
		Class 6	Mr Clark
	Year 4	Class 7	Mrs Panter
		Class 8	Mrs Byrne
	Year 5	Class 9	Mr Eastham
		Class 10	Mrs Jones
	Year 6	Class 11	Miss Neal and Ms McDerment
		Class 12	Mr Healey and Ms McDerment

Term Dates For This Year

Autumn Term

Open Autumn 1: Monday 6th September to Friday 22nd October 2021
 Half Term: 25th to 29th October 2021
 Open Autumn 2: Monday 1st November to Friday 17th December 2021
 Christmas Holiday: Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022

Spring Term

Open Spring 1: Wednesday 5th January to Friday 18th February 2022
 Half Term: 21st to 25th February 2022
 Open Spring 2: Monday 28th February to Friday 8th April 2022
 Spring Break: Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April 2022

Summer Term

Open Summer 1: Monday 25th April to Friday 27th May 2022
 May Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May
 INSET Day: Wednesday 25th May 2022
 Half term: 30th May to 3rd June 2022
 Bank Holiday: Friday 10th June 2022 (Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday from 3rd June)
 Open Summer 2: Monday 6th June to Thursday 21st July 2022

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PE Days

Children come to school in their PE kits on PE days. (White top and black bottoms)

- Monday – Year 5
- Tuesday – Foundation 1 and Year 3
- Wednesday – Foundation 2 and Year 4
- Thursday – Year 1 and Year 2
- Friday – Year 6

Swimming at Park

At Park, we take Year 3 to Year 6 swimming as part of the PE curriculum. Swimming sessions are at Leasowe Swimming pool every afternoon for one hour.

Autumn Term

- wc 13th September - Class 9 (Mr Eastham)
- wc 20th September - Class 10 (Mrs Jones)
- wc 27th September - Class 11 (Miss Neal)
- wc 4th October - Class 12 (Mr Healey)

Spring Term

- wc 7th and 14th March – Year 4

Summer Term

- wc 6th and 13th June – Year 3

Forest Schools



We have continued to run our Forest School sessions on a Friday. Children should come to school in comfortable clothes which you don't mind (possibly) getting smoky/dirty.

- Autumn Term – Year 5
- Spring Term – Year 2
- Summer Term – Foundation 2

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