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Parkside Academy

Teacher welcome meetings

8:30 – 8:45 or 3 – 3:15

Nursery—Friday 11.9.25

Please can all children be dropped at/collected from Pre School.

Parents please can you go to the Nursery classroom.

Reception—Tuesday 8.9.26

Please can all children be dropped at/collected from Year 1

Year 1 - Thursday 10.9.26

Please can all children be dropped at/collected from Reception

Year 2 - Tuesday 8.9.26

Please can all children be dropped at/collected from Year 1

Year 3 - Thursday 10.9.26

Please can all children be dropped at/collected from Year 4

Year 4 - Thursday 10.9.26

Please can all children be dropped at/collected from Year 3

Year 5 - Monday 7.9.26

Please can all children be dropped at/collected from Year 6

Year 6— Thursday 10.9.26

Please can all children be with their parents in the Year 6 classroom for this.

Work of the half term

Friday 23rd October

Class	PE Day
Nursery	Thursday
Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Monday
Year 4	Tuesday
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Thursday

There will be no PE on the first two days of school.

Please do contact us by phone if you are reporting any illnesses (01229 828348).

We are really looking forward to welcoming all of our children back to Parkside and beginning what we hope will be another fantastic year together. We hope all of our families have enjoyed the summer and we are excited to see the children back, ready for another year of learning, friendships and memorable experiences.

Uniform

It is always lovely to see the children looking so smart. Our uniform is an important part of our school identity and we continue to expect high standards. We appreciate the cost of uniform can be difficult for some families, so we will continue to support families through initiatives such as our uniform swap shop.

School Day

School starts at **8:45am** and finishes at **3:15pm**. Late arrivals should report to the front office. Pre-School and Nursery children can arrive until 9:00am, although the main playground gates close at 8:55am.

For safety, children should not ride bikes or scooters across or on the playground.

Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast and After School Club places should be booked through ParentPay. Breakfast Club starts at **8:00am** and After School Club finishes at **5:00pm**. Details of extra-curricular clubs will be shared as arrangements are confirmed.

Parking

Please do not park in the staff car park or across the yellow lines. We also ask everyone to be considerate of our neighbours during busy drop-off and collection times.

Parents' Meetings

Please see the schedule opposite for our new class introduction meetings, which will take place from **8:30–8:45am** and **3:00–3:15pm**. Parent consultations will take place during the week beginning **Monday 19th October**, with further details to follow.

Communication

Please contact the office regarding illness or urgent matters. **ClassDojo remains our main form of communication**, so please ensure you can access your child's class.

If your child is allowed to walk home independently, please inform their class teacher. We ask that children in **Year 4 and below** are collected unless alternative arrangements have been agreed.

Online Safety, Social Media and Mobile Phones

Online safety remains a key priority. Last year, we experienced numerous issues where online behaviour at home, particularly through social media and messaging platforms, was brought into school and affected children's friendships and relationships.

Please be mindful of what children are accessing online, who they are communicating with and the age restrictions of different platforms. Regular conversations about responsible online behaviour are important.

Our new **School Council** will also be developing a plan regarding **mobile phones in school** and how we approach their use going forward. Further information will be shared once this work is complete.

Swimming

Swimming begins on **Monday 7th September**, with Years 1–6 swimming each Monday. Teachers will provide further information about arrangements and what children need to bring.

Welcome to our New Staff

A huge Parkside welcome to **Miss Alexander (Reception)**, **Miss Kendall (Year 3)**, **Mr Gallagher (Year 4)** and **Miss Herdman (Baby Room)**. We are delighted to have them joining our team.

Trips and Enrichment

We are proud of the **enrichment package we provide for our children**, giving them opportunities to learn and develop beyond the classroom.

Our first residential is very early this year, with **Year 5 travelling to Water Park on Wednesday 2nd September**. We are sure they will have a fantastic experience.

Please note that deposits and payments for trips are generally **non-refundable if a child decides not to attend**, as bookings can leave the school with costs that cannot be recovered. Illness and other unforeseen circumstances will, of course, be considered sensitively and fairly.

Attendance and Holidays

Attendance and punctuality remain a key focus. Being in school every day supports children's learning, friendships and wider development.

Please complete a holiday request form for planned absences. Holidays during term time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, and unauthorised holidays may be reported to the Education Welfare Officer.

School Dinners

A reminder that school dinners now cost **£2.80**. Please ensure your ParentPay account has sufficient funds.

Family Support Worker

Through the Furness Education Trust, we have access to a Family Support Worker who can support families with a range of issues. Please contact the office if you feel a meeting would be helpful.

Work of the Half Term

We will continue with **Work of the Half Term**. Reception to Year 2 will share their work at the start of the day, while Years 3–6 will share theirs at the end.

Hall Hire

Our school hall is available for **hire during the winter months**. If local clubs, teams or community groups require an indoor venue, please contact the school office to discuss availability.

Working Together

Our door is always open. We are a community school and want to work positively with families to resolve concerns early. We would much rather have a conversation and solve a problem before it becomes something bigger. Please speak to us if you have a concern—we will always do our best to help. Thank you for your continued support. We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to making it another fantastic year at Parkside.

