

Important Dates – Spring Half Term

Tuesday 14 th March – Friday 24 th March	Year 8 Annual Reviews
Friday 24 th March 2023	Year 9 Vaccinations - Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polio (DTP) final school booster and the Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) vaccination
Wednesday 29 th March 2023	Year 11 Parents Evening
Friday 31 st March 2023	Finish for Easter Holidays 1:00pm
Monday 3 rd April 2023 – Friday 14 th April 2023	Easter Holidays
Monday 17 th April 2023	Back to School 9:00am

ATTENDANCE



11S
Best Class Attendance
w/c 6th March 2023



ABSENCES

We politely ask that when calling the office to explain about your child's absence, please explain in detail what the illness is. If diarrhoea and/or vomiting, your child must stay away from school until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours (48hr RULE). Please call the School Office on 01483 772057 before 9.00am each morning your child is absent.

Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know.....

If your child's attendance during the school year is.....	Your child would have lost approximately.....	Or they would have missed approximately.....
95%	9 days	50 lessons
90%	19 days	100 lessons
85%	29 days	150 lessons
80%	38 days	200 lessons
75%	48 days	250 lessons
70%	57 days	290 lessons
65%	67 days	340 lessons

UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE

Unauthorised absence of 5 days or more may result in the issue of a Penalty Notice

Penalty Notices are issued by the Local Authority in accordance with Surrey County Council's Code of Conduct. The Penalty Notice is £60, per child per parent or carer, if paid within 21 days. Thereafter, the amount increases to £120 per parent or carer. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution under s444 Education Act 1996.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

We politely request that medical appointments are made outside of school hours, however, we understand that this isn't always possible. Please email the School Office with the details of the appointment along with a copy of the appointment letter, email or text for your child's school record. Please also let the School Office know if your child will be in late after the appointment or what time they will need to be collected.

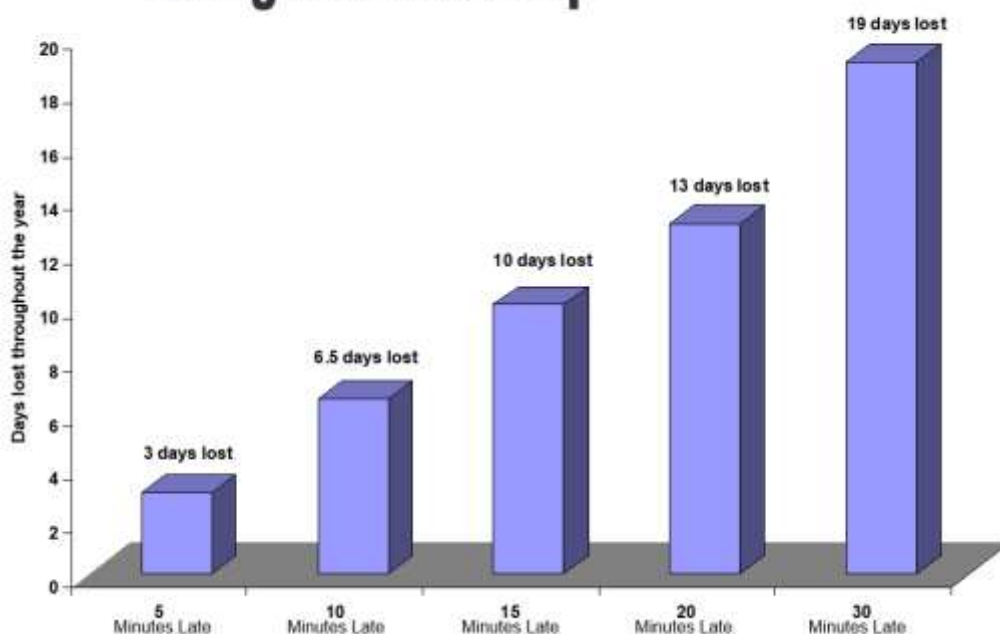
LATENESS

Punctuality is highly important, students who arrive late to school are not only losing learning but also disrupt the learning of others as they arrive late for lessons.

The school gates open at 8:50am and all students are expected to be onsite by 9:00am when the gates close. Morning Registration takes place between 9:00am and 9:15am, students who arrive after 9:05am are given a Late mark on the register.

Last week, we registered 23 Lates at a total of 589 minutes; that's almost 10 hours lost to learning.

Being Late Adds Up



We want to help families get their child to school on time. Here are some things you can try:

- Have everything you/your child needs for school prepared the night before
- Ensure that your child goes to bed at a reasonable time so they are not too tired to get up in the morning
- Ensure your child has a good night's sleep by minimising their use of devices at bed time
- Have a consistent bedtime routine for your child
- Set an alarm to allow plenty of time for your morning routine in getting to school on time

END OF DAY COLLECTIONS

If there is a change to your child's normal collection, i.e. they are going home with another parent, another family member / friend is collecting or they normally go home on transport and you will be collecting instead, please ensure you let the School Office know or write a note in your child's diary. We would be grateful if you can provide the name of the person collecting and a password, this really helps with any confusion at the end of the day.

NUT-FREE SCHOOL

The Park School is a nut-free school. Please do not send any food items into school with your child that contain nuts.

WATER BOTTLES

Please send your child into school with a named water bottle filled with water or very diluted squash.
NO PRIME, fizzy, energy or caffeinated drinks.

COLD WEATHER

Please ensure students arrive at school appropriately dressed for the weather. We advise that students wear a warm waterproof winter coat, a plain black V-neck pullover jumper to wear over their shirt, and a vest or plain white t-shirt to wear under their shirt.

UNIFORM SHOP

We have a supply of good quality second-hand uniform available. If you require any specific item(s) of uniform for your child, please email the School Office at enquiries@thepark.surrey.sch.uk or info@thepark.surrey.sch.uk with the item(s) and size(s) required. If we have the item(s) available, they will be sent home with your child.

Any donations of outgrown school uniform are gladly received. If you have any school uniform in good condition you would like to donate, please drop them into the School Office.

SANITARY PRODUCTS

We have a supply of various sanitary products available. If you require any items for yourself or your child, please email the school office at enquiries@thepark.surrey.sch.uk or info@thepark.surrey.sch.uk in confidence and these will be sent home discreetly with your child.

ARBOR PARENT PORTAL



You should have now received your link to log into our Parent Portal – please ensure you can log in and access your child's profile. If you are having difficulties logging in, please contact the school office on 01483 772057.

Here you will be able to view your child's attendance and consent to any clubs and trips. Moving forward we will also be looking to use Parent Portal to schedule Parents Evening appointments – further details to follow.

The Arbor app can be downloaded from Google Play Store (for Android) and the App Store (for IOS), or alternatively can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

<https://login.arbor.sc/>

If it is your first time logging in, you will need to click on 'Forgotten Password?' and follow the instructions on screen.

PARENT AND CARER INFORMATION

Information and support for Parents and Carers can now be found on our website -
<https://thepark.surrey.sch.uk/support-for-parents-and-carers>

Here you will find useful links to upcoming workshops, handouts from recent workshops and information on where you can access support.

Letters and information are emailed to parents regularly, copies of which can be found here –
<https://thepark.surrey.sch.uk/letters>

FRIENDS OF THE PARK SCHOOL

We are delighted to announce that we are reinstating Friends of The Park School, if you would be interested in joining our PTA, please email the school office at enquiries@theparkschool.surrey.sch.uk

THE PARK SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Ralph Johnson	Co-opted Chair Governor
Jo Green	Co-opted Vice Chair Governor
David Euridge	Co-opted Governor
Toby Franklin	Co-opted Governor
Kirsty Green	Parent Governor
Jaime Gridley	Parent Governor
Sharon Trowbridge	Staff Governor
Helen Stanley	Staff Governor
Paul Walsh	Headteacher
Alison Dudley	Clerk to the Governors

HOW TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL

School Telephone Number – 01483 772057

Email: enquiries@thepark.surrey.sch.uk or info@thepark.surrey.sch.uk

School Office: Please call between 8am and 4pm to speak to one of the Admin team, who will pass on a message or answer your query.

Your child's school diary is also a very good way to communicate with the school. Diaries are checked daily by teachers and TA's. Please also check your child's diary daily as messages are sometimes sent home in here.

CLUBS & TRIPS

YEAR 9 BENTLEY COPSE ACTIVITY CENTRE TRIP

Friday 14th July 2023

Cost: £33.00 per Yr9 student to be paid via SCOPAY

Payment plan available - 3 instalments of £11.00

Please complete the online consent form which can be found using the link below. Your child will not be able to take part in the trip without completed consent.

<https://forms.gle/LEteni5EoXx65CEG8>

N.B.: If the link does not work, please copy and paste the link into your browser.

In order for the trip to go ahead, please ensure all consents are completed and payments made via SCOPAY by no later than Monday 26th June 2023.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ODD SOCKS DAY

Tuesday 21st March 2023

In aid of World Down's Syndrome Day on Tuesday 21st March, we are asking students and staff to come into school wearing their most colourful odd socks on this day.

If you would like to make a donation to 21&Co, you can do so via the following link -

<http://www.21andco.org.uk/donate.html>

Information can be found on the following page.



Pick n' Mix your socks for WDSD

**Calling all nurseries, schools
and businesses!**

21st March is World Down's Syndrome Day so pick a day between 20th -26th March 2023 March to show your support for people with Down's syndrome.

Ask your students, staff and employees to wear their most colourful #Lotsofsocks to celebrate World Down's Syndrome Week 2023!

Then donate £1 each to 21&Co.

We are your local parent run charity and we offer support and services to children with Down's syndrome and their families in SW/West London, Middlesex and Surrey.

*So be bold, be colourful
and embrace inclusion!*

www.21andco.org.uk



21&Co

We are always ready to help by providing advice, support and services for children with Down's syndrome and their families.

E: info@21andco.org.uk Facebook: @21andco
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'WE DECIDE' IS THIS YEAR'S THEME!

For **WDSD 2023** let's talk about Participation. People with Down's syndrome have the right to participate in decisions affecting them.



**World
Down
Syndrome
Week**

20th-26th March 2023
www.worlddownsyndromeday.org