

IMPORTANT DATES – AUTUMN TERM

Thursday 9 th November 2023	Preparation for Post-16 Evening (Yr9 7 Yr10 Parents)
Friday 24 th November 2023	Late November Break – School Closed
Monday 27 th November 2023	Late November Break – School Closed
Tuesday 28 th November 2023	Whole School Individual Student Photographs
Thursday 30 th November 2023	Year 8 Subject Parents Evening 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday 6 th December 2023	English Parent Workshops
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Finish for Holidays 1:00pm
Thursday 21 st December 2023 – Monday 1 st January 2024	Christmas Holidays

ATTENDANCE



11H
Best Class Attendance
w/c 16th October 2023



ABSENCES

We politely ask that when calling the absence line 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 and leave a message on the absence line before 9.00am each morning your child is absent.

The NHS website has advise on the following - **Is my child too ill for school?:**

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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. If medical appointments fall within the school day we ask that you make them as early or as late as possible in the school day so that your child does not miss a whole day of school. 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.

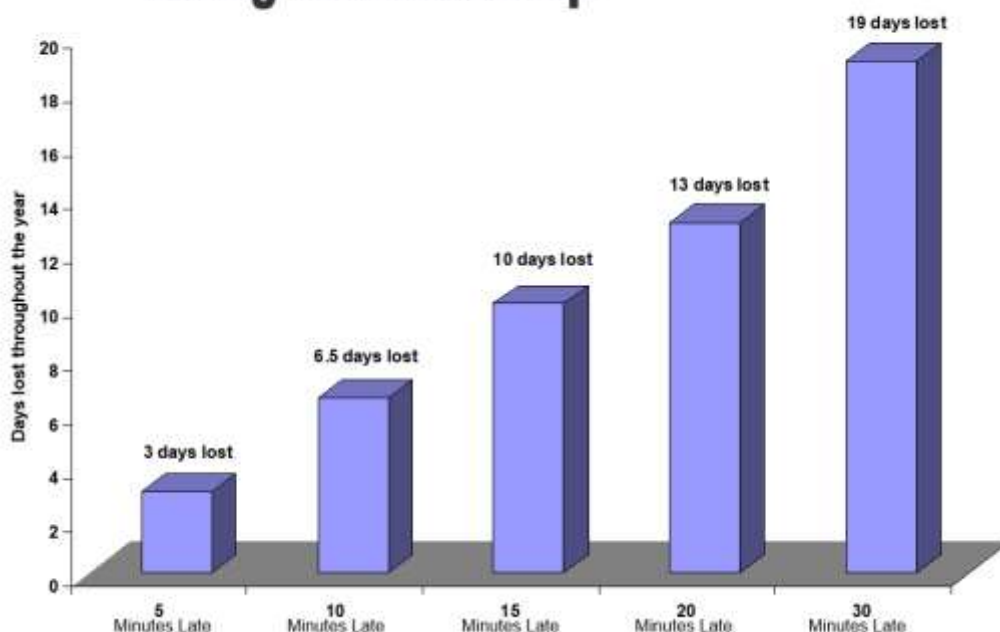
LATENESS

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 9:10am, students who arrive after 9:05am are given a Late mark on the register.

During the last week of term, we registered 19 Lates at a total of 399 minutes; that's over 6 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

MEDICATION

ALL medication must be supplied to the school office in its original packaging with the pharmacy prescription label attached clearly stating the medication dosage, child's name and must be within the expiry date.

Medication will not be administered at school unless we have the medication as per above and a signed and completed 'Parental Consent to Dispense Medication Form'.

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.

PARKING OUTSIDE THE PARK SCHOOL

We understand that parking outside the school is tight, however please be mindful when parking your vehicle during school drop-off and pick-up times that you are not blocking access to neighbouring driveways or pathways.

DOG-FREE SITE

May we remind parents and carers that, due to health and safety and insurance purposes, The Park School is a dog-free site – **NO dogs are allowed on the school site even if they are being held.**

We have a number of students who have a fear of dogs and we would appreciate it if all dogs remain on leads outside the school gates at all times.

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. This includes sandwich spreads such as Nutella, peanut butter and some chocolate spreads.

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.

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.

COLD WEATHER

As the winter mornings and colder days set in, 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.

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 pay for 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.

Below are some links to guides to help you navigate the Parent Portal:

A quick introduction to Arbor for guardians and parents:

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/212097029-A-quick-introduction-to-Arbor-for-guardians-and-parents#logging-in-0-0>

Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Arbor App:

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360020147458-Getting-started-Log-into-the-Parent-Portal-and-the-Arbor-App>

Signing my child up for a Trip on the Parent Portal or the Arbor App:

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360008180414-Signing-my-child-up-for-a-Trip-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-the-Arbor-App>

Signing my child up for a Club on the Parent Portal or Arbor App:

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360008179494-Signing-my-child-up-for-a-Club-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Arbor-App>

FRIENDS OF THE PARK SCHOOL

We are delighted to announce that we have reinstated 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

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>

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
Serena Frampton	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 8:30am and 3:30pm 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.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

We currently have a number of lunchtime clubs opening up to our students which will be updated over the coming weeks:

Sticky Craft Club Room 15

Thursday lunchtime 12:15pm – 1:00pm
All students welcome

Gardening Club

Every breaktime 10:15am – 10:30am
Every Lunchtime 12:30pm – 1:00pm
All students welcome

UPCOMING STAFF ABSENCES

Wednesday 1 st November 2023	Ms Trowbridge
Tuesday 7 th November 2023	Mrs Lealman (AM)
Wednesday 8 th November 2023	Ms Trowbridge Mrs Lealman (AM) Miss Murphy (AM)
Thursday 9 th November 2023	Mr Rose
Friday 10 th November 2023	Miss Murphy (AM)
Monday 13 th November 2023	Miss Murphy (AM)
Wednesday 15 th November 2023	Ms Trowbridge
Monday 20 th November 2023	Ms Wright
Wednesday 22 nd November 2023	Ms Trowbridge
Wednesday 29 th November 2023	Ms Trowbridge

STAFF UPDATES

We are delighted to update everyone that Mrs Courage is making a great recovery and will be starting a phased return to work next week.

SENCO DROP-IN SESSIONS

Thursday 7th December 2023 9:00am -10:00am

We are running a trial of 'SENCO Drop-in Sessions' this term at school. Appointments are available with Mrs. Thomson (SENCO) & Mrs. Palthe (SEND Administrator) to discuss your son or daughter.

If you would like to make an appointment, please email Mrs. Palthe - Sara.palthe@thepark.surrey.sch.uk

Tea and Coffee will be available.

If you would like to see Mrs. Thomson on a different date or would prefer to speak on the phone, please email Mrs. Palthe and we will arrange a mutually convenient time.

ENGLISH PARENT WORKSHOPS

Wednesday 6th December 2023

Jane Brown, Head of phonics and Intervention, will be running two workshops at The Park School:

Time	Subject	Description
1:15pm - 2:00pm	Reading at Home (This is for families new to school or those who would like a refresher)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An explanation of our new reading codes, the numbers and colours. - A variety of strategies to support you child with reading at home.
2:15pm- 3:00pm	Phonics and The Alphabetic Code for Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What phonics and the alphabet code is and why we teach it here. - The National Framework for teaching phonics. - The structure and order in which we teach phonics. - How to say all of the sounds correctly. - De-coding and blending

2023/24 TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Friday 1 st September	INSET DAY – School Closed
Monday 4 th September	INSET DAY – School Closed
Tuesday 5 th September	Yr7 Orientation Day (Yr7's only in school)
Wednesday 6 th September	Whole School Returns 9:00am
Friday 20 th October	Finish for Half Term 3:00pm
Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October	HALF TERM
Monday 30 th October	Back to School 9:00am
Friday 24 th November	Late November Break – School Closed
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Wednesday 20 th December	Finish for Holidays 1:00pm
Thursday 21st December – Monday 1st January 24	Christmas Holidays

SPRING TERM 2024

Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET DAY – School Closed
Wednesday 3 rd January	Whole School Returns 9:00am
Friday 9 th February	Finish for Half Term 3:00pm
Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February	HALF TERM
Monday 19 th February	Back to School 9:00am
Tuesday 19 th March	INSET DAY – School Closed
Thursday 28 th March	Finish for Holidays 1:00pm
Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April	Easter Holidays

SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15 th April	Whole School Returns 9:00am
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 24 th May	Finish for Half Term 3:00pm
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	HALF TERM
Monday 3 rd June	Whole School Returns 9:00am
Friday 19 th July	Finish for Summer Holidays 1:00pm

POST-16 UPCOMING COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Guildford College

11th November 9:30-12:30.

To register:

<https://guildford.activatelearning.ac.uk/events/detail/guildford-college-november-open-event/>

Merrist Wood College

18th November 9:30am - 12:30pm

To register:

<https://merristwood.activatelearning.ac.uk/events/detail/merrist-wood-college-november-open-event/>

SEND GROUP FOR PARENTS & CARERS



Special, Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)



Free support group for parents and carers with children aged 0-16 with pre or diagnosed SEND.

The course will cover topics like:

- Back to school and discussions around EHCP's
- Boundaries and useful parenting tools
- Accessing useful websites and other support networks
- Support on applying for DLA and other funding options.



For further information, visit
www.woking.gov.uk/familysupport
Register your interest with us on email
familycentres@woking.gov.uk or call
01483 743 812



THE PARENTING PUZZLE



This tried and tested programme can help you deal with challenges so you have a calmer, family life.

The course covers:

- Recognising feelings behind behaviours
- Different approaches to discipline
- Co-operation and self-discipline
- The importance of looking after ourselves.



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Do you have a child/children (5-16 years) who attend a Woking School? Did you know that you have a dedicated School Nursing team?

You are invited to come and meet your Woking School Nurse Team at our new **Child Health Drop-In at Eastwood Leisure Centre**, Albert Drive, Sheerwater, Woking GU21 5RF every **Wednesday between 9.30am and 11.30am (including holidays)**.

Just drop-in, no appointment necessary, there is a soft play area if you have a younger child and space to sit and have a coffee. Free parking at the venue.

The team (usually a school nurse and a nursery nurse) will be present to answer questions from parents/carers of school aged children and to give advice, information and signpost on topics including early toileting, sleep, behaviour, healthy diet, dental care, school readiness, NCMP heights & weights, mental health, eating disorders, minor illnesses, internet safety and much more. They can also help with referrals to other services.

Please see information flyer for further details

Child Health Drop-in and Breastfeeding Support

Eastwood Leisure Centre Albert Drive,
Sheerwater, GU21 5RF

Wednesdays 9.30am to 11.30am

Come and meet the team

Soft play area

Coffee shop

Health Visitors (birth-5 years) School Nurses (5-19 years)

Referral support, advice and signposting as well as:

Self-weigh option

Dental care

Early years support

Sleep

Health reviews

Toileting

Health promotion

Healthy eating

Breastfeeding

Heights & Weights

Behaviour

Mental health

Eating disorders

And more

