

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have reached the end of our first month of this academic year. Our new Y7s are settling in amazingly well and it was great to see so many parents at the Y7 Information evening on Wednesday evening. As a school our focus is to ensure that students are fully engaged in all their lessons. Student logbook scores reflect their levels of engagement. A '2' in the logbook means their learning has been good. A '3' in the logbook means the student has done some exceptional work. At the end of the day a score of 10 or more means that their learning has been good all day, a student with 15 in the logbook has had an excellent day.

Global consent

All parents give global consent in Y7 to students going out on local trips as part of their lessons. We have reduced the distance from 10 miles to 5 miles. If a student was going out of school we would put a note in their diary the day before to let you know.

School day

Breakfast club begins at 8.30am when the gate opens for students. Students should arrive in school between 8.30 and 9am when they line up on the main playground ready to go into registration.

Phone use

Mobile phones must not be used on the premises. If brought to school they must be handed in to the valuables box & will be returned at home time.

Reporting absence/appts

Please make sure that all absences are reported to the school office by 9am (a message can be left on the school answerphone any time of day). The absence must be reported daily. Appointments should where possible be made outside the school day, if this cannot be avoided we require a copy of the appointment letter or card, this can be sent in via student diaries or brought to the school office to photocopy. Please be aware that on PE days students may be off site all afternoon therefore it is important that we know if you need to collect your child early in advance.

Payments

Sign up to Scopay for easy online payments, you can also use the app. Alternatively please send in cash or cheques payable to 'The Park School'. We endeavour to keep the system up to date, but sometimes a payment will be set up on your account (or all student accounts) for an activity your child does not take part in, if you have any queries please contact the office who will look into any discrepancies.

Food tech contribution

In order for us to run the lessons as we do we need to ask for a contribution towards ingredients. For years 7 & 8 this is £30 (£10 per term). Years 9, 10 & 11 will be cooking more so we need to ask for a £60 contribution (£20 per term).

Safeguarding

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) team in school is Paul Walsh as Lead DSL and Michelle Stephenson and Sherri Taylor as DSLs. We have created a safeguarding poster for students around school and we have let students know who the safeguarding team are but reminded them that if they have any concerns they can speak to any adults in school. We will also be sending home our safeguarding booklet for your information

Friends of The Park Meeting

Our next Friends meeting is at 10.30am on Wednesday 16th October.



Paul Walsh: Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2019	
Thursday 3 rd October	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Wednesday 9 th October	KS4 Parents Evening Y9/10
Wednesday 16 th October	Friends meeting
Thursday 24 th October	Harvest Lunch
Mon 28 th -1 st November	HALF TERM
Thursday 7 th November	Y7 tutor parents catch up
Thursday 14 th November	Ski Bingo
Wednesday 20 th November	Y8/9 subject parents evening
Thursday 5 th December	Family Christmas Quiz evening
Thursday 12 th December	Panto
Friday 13 th December	Carol Service in school
Wednesday 18 th December	Prizegiving

2019-2020 term dates

Autumn Term 2019

Tue 3 rd September	INSET school closed
Wed 4 th September	INSET school closed
Thurs 5 th September	Students return to school at 9am
Mon 28 th -1 st November	HALF TERM
Wed 18 th December	Prize giving 11am - Break up at 12 noon
Thurs 19 th December	INSET school closed

Spring Term 2020

Mon 6th January	INSET school closed
Tue 7th January	Students return to school at 9am
Mon 17th – Fri 21st February	HALF TERM
Fri 3rd April	Prize giving 11am Break up at 12 noon

Summer Term 2020

Mon 20th April	INSET school closed
Tue 21st April	Students return to school at 9am
Mon 4th May	May Bank holiday
Mon 25th– Fri 29th May	HALF TERM
Wed 22nd July	Prize giving at 11am Break up at 12 noon