



PARKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had enjoyable Summer. I would like to start by warmly welcoming you all to a new year at Parkside. We are very much looking forward to meeting all our new Year 5 pupils tomorrow and our Year 6,7 and 8 pupils on Wednesday.

I would also like to welcome to Team Parkside our new learning support assistants, Mr Duggal, Miss Fletcher and Mrs Powell.

Key dates

At Parkside, we firmly believe in building and maintaining strong relationships with our families and greatly value the role that you play, both in the life of the school and in your children's education. I am delighted to be able share with you a calendar of a variety of events this term where you are invited to come into school.

Tuesday 10th September – Year 8 Information Evening
Friday 27th September – Year 6 Family Thrive Afternoon
Monday 14th October – Year 5 Maths and English Morning
Thursday 17th October – Year 6 Information Evening
Friday 18th October – Year 7 Family Thrive Afternoon
Tuesday 12th, Thursday 14th and Tuesday 19th November – Parents' Evenings

Further information regarding these events will follow in due course.

Behaviour for Learning – The Parkside Standard and Parkside Values

As always, at the start of a new school year we will begin by re-establishing our Parkside Values and Parkside Standard with the pupils, ensuring a common understanding across the school that everyone has the right to be safe and happy and to learn without disruption. These are displayed in every classroom and around the school, as well as in the Pupil Handbooks. I would encourage you to look at the Pupil Handbook, which is updated annually and is a central resource in ensuring the pupils are organised and supported to be resilient in their learning.

We have also updated the school's Behaviour for Learning and Positive Relationships Policy in response to staff, pupil and parent feedback. This policy is designed to outline procedures, that are followed consistently throughout school, to create a supportive learning environment in which all of our pupils can achieve to the best of their ability.

The updated policy can be found on the school website.

[Behaviour-for-Learning-and-Positive-Relationships-Policy-2024-1 \(1\).pdf](#)



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Mobile Phones

You may be aware that the Department for Education has issued guidance around mobile phones in school.

'Every school has a duty to create an environment that is calm, safe and free from distraction so all pupils, whatever their background, can learn and thrive. One of the greatest challenges facing schools is the presence of mobile phones... Mobile phones risk unnecessary distraction, disruption and diversion.... We owe it to our children to do what we can to remove distractions and enable them to be fully present and engaged in the classroom. We also owe it to our pupils to keep them safe at school.... By removing mobile phones from the school day, we can create a safe space where pupils are protected from the risks and dangers associated with social media and cyber-bullying, as well as the peer pressure and possible stigma associated with owning what are often expensive devices. This is why we are determined that all schools should prohibit the use of mobile phones throughout the school day – not only during lessons but break and lunchtimes as well.'

Whilst we have always stated that mobile phones should not be accessed in school during the day, as part of our commitment to ensuring a positive and safe learning environment for our pupils, we have reviewed our procedures for mobile phones in school and have made some changes to our policy in response to the DfE guidance.

From tomorrow, mobile phones are not to be carried or used by the pupils in school. They must be handed in to their form tutor during morning registration (or if pupils are late, to the school office) where they will be locked away securely. Mobile phones will then be available to collect by pupils at the end of the day.

This will help to ensure that pupils' phones are safe and secure, as well as ensuring that there are no instances of mobile phone use during the school day. A reminder of our key rules regarding mobile phones:

- Pupils must not contact anyone during the school day from a mobile phone. This includes contact with parents and carers.
- Should parents/carers need to be contacted, this must be done with permission from a staff member from a school phone.
- If seen or heard, the mobile phone will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day on the first occasion. On a second occasion, a parent / carer will be asked to collect the phone.
- For non-compliance, this will be seen as defiance and not upholding the Parkside Values and Parkside Standard. Sanctions will be enforced in line with the school's behaviour policy.

We will explain this new routine to the pupils on their return to school, but we would appreciate your assistance and support in enabling your child to understand the procedure, the reason for the change and to uphold the school rules.

School Communication Policy

Please see below a link to our school communication policy which provides the ways in which we can ensure effective communication between home and school.

[Communications-Policy-1.pdf](#)



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Finally, can I also remind you that our school website has all the key information you should require including: a breakdown of the curriculum your children will be taught in every subject, each term; key policies, term dates and the school calendar. In addition, the news events are updated regularly to keep you informed of life in school.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



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