



PARK HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Wednesday 4th September 2024

Dear families,

I hope you are well and have been able to enjoy some time together over the summer break. I am writing to share how much I am looking forward to welcoming you and your children back on Thursday 5th September to start the new academic year.

I am sure you had a lovely summer with your families and at the same time I am aware that the recent unrest in the UK may have created uncertainty and angst among children and families. I want to be clear that at Park Hill Junior School, we celebrate the rich variety of backgrounds, languages and religions that our children and families represent.

School is a safe place.

We are committed to ensuring Park Hill Junior School provides a positive, joyful and safe learning environment for all members of our community. I am aware that recent events will have impacted each of us differently and we want to hear from you how this has affected your child and family, particularly so we can ensure you feel welcomed at the start of term.

Reflecting our values of respect and relationships, please remember that our current [uniform policy](#) states that nothing should be worn that represents political views. In this way, everyone can feel equally welcomed and that they belong to the Park Hill community.

I would like to reassure all parents and carers that should your family be in need of support, or you have any concerns, about this or anything else, then please get in touch with us. We have a strong pastoral team who you can talk to in confidence. You can contact the school for an appointment either in person or via phone chat with our pastoral team as follows:

- Our Family Support Worker, Miss Colley
- Our School counsellor, Mrs Tara Green
- Our Phase team leaders - Years 5&6, Mrs Mann; Years 3&4, Ms Dempsey
- Members of the core leadership team - Mrs Cooper (Deputy Head Teacher), Miss Penn (Assistant Head Teacher) and Miss Waxer (Assistant Head Teacher & Special Educational Needs Coordinator)

Remember that the gates open at 8.40am and you are welcome to come into the school grounds from this time. The doors will open at 8.50am when children can go into their classrooms to start their early morning learning. The gates close at 9am after which your child/ren will be deemed late. Kindly make every effort to bring your children into school on time so they do not miss any of their learning or feel they need to catch up with their peers if they are late. Research has shown that children's confidence is affected if they arrive late at school as they feel disorientated at the start of the school day and it takes them longer to settle into their learning. Being in school every day also gives children a good routine to their learning.

Meanwhile, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the gates and I will restart my monthly Headteacher dropins, the first of which will be on Thursday the 19th of September between 9.10am and 9.45am. Please ring the office to book a 5 minute slot.

Kindest regards,

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