



9th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to update you with some arrangements and/or changes for September 2021.

Class names

Every year, there is confusion from parents and children because of our class names. For example, some people think that class 3 is a "lower" class than class 4, even though the children are the same age and ability. We can totally understand how this could be misinterpreted because of the class number system.

To make things easier for everybody, we will be using colours for classes instead of numbers from September. This will take some getting used to but after a few weeks it will be normal for us all and should eliminate future confusion.

Here are the new names:

Teacher	Year	Colour
Miss Orr / Miss Glaholm	Reception	Red
Mrs Loose / Miss Glaholm	Reception / Year 1	Yellow
Mr Gardiner	Year 1 / Year 2	Blue
Miss Thomas	Year 1 / Year 2	Green
Mrs Canham	Year 3 / Year 4	Lime
Miss Reeder	Year 3 / Year 4	Maroon
Miss Drake (covering Miss Platt's maternity leave)	Year 4 / Year 5	Indigo
Mr Rogers	Year 5 / Year 6	Turquoise
Mrs Appleton / Miss Green (covering Miss Platts' maternity leave)	Year 5 / Year 6	Magenta

Some of the children helped us to choose the new colours.

*Please note that Miss Green will be working with Mrs Appleton from September rather than Mrs Grey as stated earlier. The children met Miss Green for Transition day but many of them already knew her from when she has covered classes at Park grove.





Drop off time

All staff have commented that children have settled so much quicker in the mornings this year than ever before. We no longer have wasted lesson time with children getting upset about leaving parents for the majority of children. As a whole staff team, we have decided that arrangements should stay the same next year, regardless of what happens with covid.

Yellow and Blue classes – front entrance – meet teachers at the door at 8:45am

Green class – Playground entrance – meet the teacher at the door at 8:45am

Red class – meet the teachers at the Red class door at 8:45am

Key stage 2 children can come into school anytime from 8:35am through their own entrance. They need to be in class by 8:45am.

Lime and Maroon classes - Dudley street entrance (steps)

Indigo, Turquoise and Magenta classes - Yellow brick Road entrance (door next to the gym doors)

Pick up

3:15pm – Key stage 1 parents should pick up at the same door as drop off. The teachers will bring the children to you.

3:20pm – Key stage 2 children will meet parents at the door where they entered in the morning. Year 5 and 6 children will no longer be asked to leave early and will leave at 3.20 like everybody else. We will need permission from Y5/6 parents if they wish their children to walk home alone. We will send a form out about this in September.





Lunchtimes

As you know, we have been having a whole school review of behaviour at Park Grove. We have discovered that the majority of behaviour issues take place at lunchtimes. As a result, we are reducing the lunch break for Key Stage 2 children by 15 minutes. The children will have 15 minutes every day where their class teacher will read a class novel to them – for pleasure. This will be a quiet, reflective time which hopefully all children (and teachers) will enjoy. This will take place just before their 45 minute lunch break. The morning break time will be extended to give children a bit more fresh air and to break up the long morning session.

The children will still have plenty of time to eat their lunch and play with friends.

Lunch prices

EYFS and Key Stage 1 children will continue to receive a free school lunch every day. However, Key Stage 2 children will need to pay £2.40 per meal (an increase of 10p), unless they are entitled to free school meals. This is because our lunchtime providers will be charging us £2.40 per meal from September. Park Grove is not making any profit on the meals provided.

If there are any more changes regarding arrangements for September, I will write to you again before we break up.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

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