

Park Grove Primary Academy

Useful information for Parents

Empowering Children through Creative Learning



Welcome to Park Grove Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). Below is lots of useful information about starting school. However, if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to have a chat with a member of staff.

Which class will my child be in? Who is there teacher?

Miss Hall and Mrs Pilgrim are the teachers for Red group and Miss Clinton is the teacher for yellow group and together we are the orange unit. Both classes are a mix of Reception and Year 1 children. You will be given information at the library session about what class your child is in and you will be allocated a time slot for the first 3 days. This will be either 10am or 11am so please consider this when making childcare arrangements for the first few days in September. Each group uses a different door to enter. Please do not worry, all information will be given to you in the near future.

What time does my child come to school?

After the first 3 days, the doors open at 8.35am and the school day starts at 8.45am. It would be really helpful if you could help your child choose what they are having for lunch each morning. Each day we have a choice of two hot meals—one vegetarian, a 'grab bag' that contains a sandwich or a jacket potato with a choice of fillings. Menus are sent out via Parenthub.

The school day ends at 3.15pm. If you have made arrangements for your child to go home with someone different, go with a friend, or to after school club it is essential you let us know.

What does my child need to bring to school with them?

Bookbag

Your child will need their own book bag which comes to school every day. Reading books, information and any letters will be sent home in this.

Snack

Each morning your child will be given a piece of fruit and drink of milk, which is provided by school. Occasionally we will have other snacks in school that may fit in with our learning.

Water bottles

Your child will require a named water bottle. There is a tray in each classroom where these are stored. Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. Please do not send juice,

squash or other liquids in, as only water is allowed.

A PE Kit

On PE day – Tuesdays, please send your child to school in PE kit. This can be a t-shirt, shorts, joggers, a sweatshirt and trainers or pumps.

Wellies

Every week we put on our wellies and head out to the Forest Schools area where we have great fun exploring nature. Your child will need a named pair of wellies to be kept in school at all times.

Spare Clothes

Please send a set of spare clothes in a carrier bag. All children need this even if they are not prone to accidents as we might get wet or messy! Please include underwear and socks as if children do have an accident it is much better for them to get changed into their own clothes. Please put these into a carrier bag.

This is A LOT of things to carry in on the first day so please feel free to bring in willies and PE kits at the beginning of the second week. **Please make sure everything is name.**

What should my child wear to school?

We do not have a school uniform at Park Grove, but please ensure your child is dressed sensibly and wearing clothes they can manage independently e.g. elasticated trousers, shoes with Velcro. Children go outside in all weathers so need a warm coat and hat in winter, and sunhat and suncream (applied at home before school) in summer. Please make sure any jumpers, coats and other items that they may take off are names to avoid losing them.

Can my child bring in anything else from home?

Please do not allow your child to bring toys into school. They can get damaged or lost which children find very distressing. We have lots of things in school to play with!

What do I do if I have a question or want to talk to the teacher about something?

We are a partnership! There is never any question too big, small or silly! We want to talk to you so please come and speak to us whenever, just ensure that the children are safely in or out of the building first as their safety is our priority.

How do I know what my child is learning?

You will be given information from the school about seasaw, you will get updates of what your child has been up to on here. We will also inform you of their learning in our newsletters, parents evenings and on our boards/windows near the door.

I feel like my child will need additional help or support, what should I do?

Please request a meeting with Miss Hall.

Any other questions? Please feel free to come and speak to any member of the team or the school office. Miss Hall will be around every Wednesday now before term ends so please feel free to request a meeting if needed.