

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 their teacher?

Mrs Hall, Miss Whattam and Mrs Bell are the teachers for our Early Years unit. We have 2 classes, both of which will be a mix of Reception and Year 1 children. Although your child will be in a set group for registration, they will be taught by all teachers in the Rainbow Hub. You will be given information in the near future about which class your child is in.

What time does my child come to school?

Each morning the doors open at 8.35 and close at 8.45, please try to be prompt each day to avoid your child needing to go in through the school office.

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.

For the first week you will be given a start day. This will be confirmed in due course.

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.

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 wellies and PE kits at the beginning of the second week. **Please make sure everything is named.**

Healthy Food

To ensure that all children are ready to learn and start their day well, we provide a healthy snack at the start of the day. We ask for a small contribution to this and suggest £1 per week payable at the start of each term in cash to the office or the team.

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 sun cream (applied at home before school) in summer. Please make sure any jumpers, coats and other items that they may take off are named 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 Seesaw, 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 or our SENDCO - Mrs Martin.

Any other questions? Please feel free to come and speak to any member of the team or the school office.