



24th August 2023

VO/CLD

Dear Parents & Carers

I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Headteacher of Park Community School and I am very much looking forward to getting to know all of our students, parents, carers and staff.

I am proud to have worked in a range of schools across the country and have been successful in ensuring both strong educational outcomes and excellent student behaviour, always strengthening the values of kindness and respect in each school community. At Park School I am committed to giving each student every opportunity to achieve the highest standards and I expect every student to 'work hard and be kind' and to display outstanding behaviour every day.

We will work in close partnership with parents and carers to ensure your child is supported to achieve their full potential and are happy and successful throughout their time in school. Over the next academic year I look forward to meeting as many parents as possible at school events and to working closely with all families and students to ensure that The Park Community School has the highest standards of education, pastoral care and behaviour moving forward.

Can I also take this opportunity to say thankyou to Mr Tamlyn, who stepped in as Acting Headteacher last academic year and supported staff and students through a difficult time. His dedication is much appreciated and his actions reflect his commitment to the school and its students.

Finally, can I please ask all parents to read the uniform guidance provided below, in order to ensure your child has a positive start to the school year and prevent any difficulty from arising.

What are our uniform expectations?

The Park School is a community and we expect students to wear the correct uniform and take pride in their school. When students arrive at school looking smart this tells us that they are ready to learn. When students are ready to learn they learn more, remember more and succeed!

School uniforms should be neat and complete. All students should wear a blazer, shirt and tie, or House blouse, and sensible plain black shoes (no white or coloured logos allowed). Skirts should be worn to a modest length and cannot be rolled up at the waist. No false nails, coloured nail varnish or un-natural eyelashes. A polite reminder that hoodies are not allowed on site and these will be confiscated from students if they are worn. Students are also not permitted to



wear coats inside the classroom and they will be expected to remove them before they enter the classroom environment. Please see the school uniform policy on the school website. [The Park Community School Uniform Policy](#)

Why do we have clear uniform expectations?

We have very clear expectations so as to reduce ambiguity and confusion for students, teachers and parents. We also do not want any peer pressure to buy expensive trainers, wear lots of make-up and have lots of jewellery.

Uniform also helps us celebrate our school identity with pride. Your child's character is about who they are - not what they look like. And finally, some professions require smart dress, we need our children to learn to make a good first impression!

Frequently Asked Questions:

What if a student is wearing an incorrect uniform, excess make-up or jewellery?

1. Before or during registration we will try to resolve the issue, if we have the equipment to do this - we do sometimes run out of particular clothing items but wherever possible we will help resolve any issue.
2. If we cannot resolve the uniform issue, then your child will be placed in the new Success Centre until it is resolved. This might mean you bring in their equipment they are missing.
3. If it is after registration, your child will receive a Red Card 15 minute detention at lunchtime, and if the uniform is not fixable, they will spend time in the Success Centre (again until the issue is resolved).

What if a student refuses to correct incorrect uniform excess make-up or jewellery?

1. They will be placed in the Success Centre until the issue is resolved and they meet our standards.
2. We will notify you by Class Charts.
3. Pastoral staff will contact home to discuss the issue.

First Day Back Arrangements - Year 8

The first day back will be **Thursday 7th September**. Students should be in full school uniform and go straight to their Tutor room for registration promptly at 8:45am. PE kit will not be needed on the first day of school.

A reminder that the Tutor is the first point of contact.

Group	Room	Tutor	Email address
8MP	English 8	Miss M Purves	mpurves@theparkschool.org.uk
8LT	Drama 1	Ms L Tarling	ltarling@theparkschool.org.uk
8RW	MFL5	Mr R Worsfold	rworsfold@theparkschool.org.uk
8CW	Top Science 2	Mrs C Williams	cwilliams@theparkschool.org.uk
8HU	MFL2	Miss H Upsdale	hupsdale@theparkschool.org.uk

8ES	English 12	Ms E Sweet-Escott	esweet-escott@theparkschool.org.uk
8MR	Maths 7	Mr M Rawlinson	mrawlinson@theparkschool.org.uk
8HB	Top Science 5	Ms H Barnes	hbarnes@theparkschool.org.uk
8SY	Top Science 7	Mrs S Young	syoung@theparkschool.org.uk
8JK (VA)	Maths 1	Mr J Klingenstein	jklingenstein@theparkschool.org.uk

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the School. I hope you and your children have an enjoyable few weeks before term starts in September!

Kind regards



Ms Owen
Headteacher