

Principle's Newsletter 06.09.24



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start to the new school year at Alexandra Park Junior School. Children, including the new children in year 3, have settled in well. Staff have been busy preparing classrooms and exciting lessons and we are all happy to be back in school to make a difference to children's lives and education. It was lovely to greet all our children and their families on Tuesday morning this week.

School Start and Finish Times

A reminder to our families that children must be in school at 8.40am. This will allow all children access to early morning interventions.

A reminder also that we have a breakfast club that begins at 8am.



Health & Safety

The health and safety of the children of Alexandra Park Junior School is of the highest importance. If parents/carers wish to speak to your child's teacher a member of the Office staff will see if they are available, if not, a message will be passed on or an appointment made for a later date. Please use the main entrance for this purpose.

We would like to remind you that you are not allowed to smoke in or on the school premises, which includes the school's playgrounds and field. With the exception of guide dogs, dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

For the safety of the children please do not park on the yellow zigzag lines outside school. Please be extra cautious when driving in the area around school.

Addresses/Telephone Numbers/Medical changes

Please remember to inform school if you have changed your address and/or phone number (including mobiles). If your child's medical needs have changed then please do also inform us and please remember to send in their medication if you have not done already.

Uniform

Please see this link for more information regarding school uniform and PE kit. If there are any families who need support with any of this, please do contact either Miss Booth or Miss Thompson via the school office.

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https://alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk/?page_id=192

All children looked so smart on their return to school and this is a credit to our families. Can we remind you to ensure that children have their names written on the tags in key clothing so we can identify who it belongs to if misplaced.



PE Kits

Information about school PE kits was sent out to parents on Class Dojo, children should continue to wear their PE kits to school on the day of PE.

Attendance:

This remains a key strength of the school. We have maintained our fantastic attendance which is above the national average. This proves that our children feel safe, happy and have a feeling of belonging at Alexandra Park Junior School. We thank our families for working with us to ensure that all children are in school everyday.



A polite reminder that our attendance target for 2024-25 for all students at Alexandra Park Junior School is to be above 97%.

Holidays taken during term time will not be authorised by school. Please be aware that fixed penalty fines may be issued if children do not attend school and new government guidance is available on this. We of course will continue to work with our families and support all children to be in school everyday.

Children arriving late to school, after 8.50am will receive a late mark. Where there is persistent lateness to school home will be contacted to discuss how we can work together to ensure your child/ren arrive on time.

For more information regarding the Local Authority guidance please visit this website:

[School attendance in Oldham](#) | [School attendance in Oldham](#) | [Oldham Council](#)

Parental support

We worked really closely with our parent group last year and we thank them for their commitment to the events that they supported and help take place. The success of the Mendhi workshops, the summer fair and the field blessing were just a few of the superb community events that we enjoyed together. We look forward to working with you all again this academic year.





REMINDER – OWL Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club will be open as usual at the start time of 8am on Tuesday 3rd September. If you would like to enquire or secure a place for your child/ren then please do contact Mr Clarke or Miss Booth via info@alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk or phone 0161 770 8321.

Dinner Money

Dinner money is £2.50 per day - £12.50 All payments can be made via the ParentPay (any support that is required in using this cash less payment system can be accessed via the school office).

We encourage school meals but if you are choosing to send in a packed lunch for your child please find attached some ideas for a healthy lunch.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4fmd6f>

<https://www.safefood.net/getattachment/4547abbf-c8f6-40c0-9d22-1b54448486ad/1998-Safefood-Healthy-Lunchbox-Leaflet-FINAL-ENGLISH-DIGITAL.pdf?lang=en-IE>

If you are entitled to or need support regarding your child and Free School Meals again please contact the office and speak to Miss Thompson or Miss Yasmin who can help support our families.



Collection of children

With parental permission, years 5 and 6 are allowed to make their way to and from school unaccompanied. Year 3 and 4 children **MUST** be dropped off and collected by an adult and not older siblings in school. (Teachers are aware of this information but if there are any changes please do communicate with your child's class teacher)

For Before and After School Club Procedures ALL children are expected to be collected by an adult at the end of an after school club and must not be allowed to walk home alone. (All after school clubs will start the w.b 9th September 24)

Staffing Update

We would like to welcome one new member of staff to our school team wishing a warm welcome to Mr Pleasant (Class 5).





Celebrations

We will begin again next week celebrating the children who are working at home on their basic skills.



BBC Bitesize Parents' Toolkit

BBC Bitesize Parents' Toolkit offers the place for mums, dads, carers, and the whole parenting community to find stories, expert advice and fun activities that will help you support their child in a changing world. Parents. Support includes:

[Five ways to help your child settle back into the school routine - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Can't sleep, won't sleep? Five ways to get your child's sleep back on track - Parents' Toolkit - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Parental survival guide & cheat sheet - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Primary Topic Packs - BBC Bitesize](#)

Thank you for taking the time to read this information and we look forward to another exciting year being safe and happy, learning everyday and achieving our very best.

For more information please do visit our website:

<https://alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk/>

Kind regards,

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