



Proud to be Parkside

Welcome

to Parkside Primary School

Nursery Welcome Pack

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About Us —

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Headteacher: Mrs S Jones
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs L Salter
Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion: Mr T Johnston

Nursery Team

Mrs Dennett- EYFS Lead
Mrs Scott- Nursery/ Pre school Teacher
Mrs Insull- 2's room leader

Support staff

Mrs Hunter
Mrs Gummer
Miss Hobson
Miss Powell
Miss Knapper



Parkside Information

This booklet will provide you with key information about what our Nursery has to offer and aspires to achieve.

We have included information to help you to make an informed decision about your child's pre-school education. However, we would urge you to come and visit our Nursery and experience our setting first hand. To make an appointment or if you have any further queries please feel free to contact Mrs Jones (Headteacher).

We look forward to meeting you and your child.





Our values

→ Respect

→ Independence

→ Determination

→ Kindness

→ Pride

→ Resilience



Governors Welcome —

The governors of Parkside Primary School are excited to welcome you to Parkside and look forward to showcasing our school ethos within our nursery setting, which will allow for a seamless transition into Reception for those staying with us. Here at Parkside, we offer a professional setting with well experienced, qualified and caring staff and an exciting and varied curriculum true to our 'Proud to be Parkside' motto. We look forward to working with you as parents and to see your children enjoying their learning with us in our caring environment.

Early Years

Foundation Stage

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), describes the time between birth and five years old. Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside.

How will my child be learning?

There are seven areas of learning within the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. All areas of learning and development are important and inter-connected. Three areas are particularly crucial for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, and for building their capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive.

The prime areas are:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development.
- As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in the four specific areas. These are:
 - Literacy
 - Mathematics
 - Understanding the World
 - Expressive Arts and Design.



Welcome Message

It is a pleasure to welcome you and your family to Parkside Primary School Nursery. I am incredibly proud to be the Headteacher of our wonderful school and to lead such a caring and dedicated team.

As a parent of two-year-old twins myself, I understand first-hand the trust involved in leaving your child in someone else's care. Please be assured that we take that responsibility very seriously and are committed to ensuring every child feels safe, happy and valued.

At Parkside, we care deeply about every aspect of your child's development. Through nurturing relationships, exciting learning experiences and close partnerships with families, we strive to help every child thrive and develop a lifelong love of learning.

We are delighted that you have chosen Parkside and look forward to welcoming you to our school community.



Mrs S Jones

Headteacher

Pre-School —

Sessions available for 3 & 4 Year olds

School Day – 08:55am–3:20pm including snack
School Morning Session – 08:55am–12:30pm including snack.
School Afternoon session – 11:45pm–3:20pm including snack

Extended Day Sessions available– this offer is part of our current Nursery provision and will operate from our Nursery setting with familiar staff.

The government provides 15 hours of free childcare for all children from the term after their third birthday. Some families will also be eligible for an additional 15 hours of funding if certain criteria is met. You can find information on this on the Staffordshire County Council website or contact the school for details. Funded places are also available for two year olds in some cases. Payment may be made by Arbor or childcare vouchers only, a log in will be set up for you as Parkside Primary School is a cashless school.

Missed Sessions

Unfortunately we are unable to offer refunds for any missed sessions due to illness or holidays. However, if your child becomes hospitalised we will refund you for any missed session during their hospital stay.

If our Nursery were to close due to reasons beyond our control, there will be a 50% retainer charge to hold your child's place.



Two's Room —

School Day – 08:50am–3:20pm including snack
School Morning Session – 08:50am–12:30pm including snack.
School Afternoon session – 11:45pm–3:20pm including snack

The setting will provide open ended resources which allow the children to follow their interests and schemas.

Two year olds will have a key adult with whom they can build a strong relationship. Learning will be play-based and child initiated; children need opportunities to move and be active, as well as small spaces where they can feel secure.

Staff will model high quality use of language, manners and play when guiding purposeful play, talking to and sharing interests with your child.

Outdoor provision will be provided for our two year olds to allow them to exploit their need for space and movement.

Children that require a sleep during the session will have their own mat to lie on in a designated sleeping zone. Children may bring any comforters that they require when sleeping. These will be stored in their bags.

Nappies and wipes will need to be provided from home – please ensure that these are regularly topped up and kept in your child's bag. We will support both you and your child in toilet training but please bring in lots of spares for those inevitable accidents during this time.

Two Year Old Check

When your child is aged between two and three, we will review your child's progress. We will provide parents with a short written summary of your child's development in the prime areas. The progress check will identify your child's strengths, and any areas they are developing. If there are any concerns we will share these with you, with your permission we will consult other professionals for advice in supporting your child.



SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Mrs Dennett- DDSL



Mrs Jones
DSL



Mr Thorley- DDSL



Mr Buckley- DDSL



Mrs McMahon- DDSL



Mr Johnston- DDSL



Safeguarding
is
everyone's
responsibility

Safeguarding

In order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the children in the setting, and to prevent images being recorded and inappropriately used, Parkside Primary School prohibits the use of personal mobile phones by staff when working with children both on and off site, and prohibits the use by parent helpers or visitors when on the school premises or on school trips.

Visitors are required to hand in mobile phones to the office before entering our school. Cameras are used for assessment purposes only and permission will be gained prior to staff taking any photographs of your child. We do not prevent parents taking photographs at school events but ask that they are for personal use only and not shared on any social media sites.

Photos- we will take photos of the children for learning purposes and also social media but we will not include any faces or identifiable features. Please indicate in your Data Collection form your photo consent preferences.

Smoking

As outlined in the EYFS framework and in the school policy we operate a strict no smoking policy on our school grounds this includes e-cigarettes.

Policies and Important Information

Please refer to our website <http://www.parkside-staffs.co.uk> to find more information on our Behaviour policy our Special Educational Needs offer, Pupil Premium offer and Curriculum information.

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Jones, Mrs Salter, Mr Thorley
Mrs Dennett, Mr Johnston, Mr Buckley &
Mrs McMahon



Our Nursery Team



2's room

Mrs Insull (Room Lead)

Mrs Hunter

Miss Powell (am)

Miss Knapper

Mrs Gummer (pm)

Pre School

Mrs Scott (Teacher)

Mrs Gummer (am)

Miss Hobson



Mrs Dennett
EYFS Lead

Timings

2 Year olds

Morning Session

8:50am – Nursery doors open– children to access provision.

9:00am – Register

9:30am– Squiggle whilst you wiggle & story time

10:00am – Snack

10:30am–Welly walk/ provision

11:20am – Phonics

11:45am – 12:15pm–Lunch time

12:30pm – Morning session ends

Afternoon Session

11:45 – Afternoon session begins

12:30pm– Register

1pm– Provision and talk for write

2:15pm– Snack

3pm – Story time

3:20pm–Home time

Children who only do afternoons or only do mornings will be caught up on the learning missed.



Timings

Pre-school

Morning Session

8:50am - Nursery doors open- children take part in wake up shake up

9:00am - Register

9:15am- Squiggle whilst you wiggle

10:15am - Snack

10:30am-Maths

11:20am - Phonics

11:45am - 12:15pm-Lunch time

12:30pm - Morning session ends

Afternoon Session

11:45 - Afternoon session begins

12:20pm- Register

1pm- I'm an Artist

2:15pm- Snack

3pm - Talk for Write and story time

3:20pm- Home time

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Lunch & snacks

Children can stay for a hot meal (which comes with a choice of vegetables) or a sandwich (which comes with fruit and a cake/yoghurt) either on specific days or all week, as you wish.

Alternatively, your child can bring sandwiches from home, please ensure that their lunch is nut free as we are a nut free school.

Menus are available on the school website for you to see the meals on offer.

Water and milk are also available.

Snack

Fruit, toast, cereal, breadsticks and crackers are among some of the snacks your child will be offered. Please bring a water bottle that is labelled and filled, we will send them home to be cleaned daily.

Dietary Requirements

Where children are provided with meals, snacks and drinks, they must be healthy, balanced and nutritious. Prior to your child starting Nursery you will be asked to inform us about any special dietary requirements, preferences and food allergies that the child has, and special health requirements





Health Care Information

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please contact the school office by 9:00am on each day of absence. You can call or use the Arbor app to report absences.

Care Plans

If your child has any medical conditions (e.g. allergies, epilepsy, diabetes), please inform us before they start so we can put a care plan in place. These are reviewed annually.

Medication

We can only administer prescribed medication that is clearly labelled with your child's name, dosage, and instructions. A medication consent form must be completed at the office.

Asthma

If your child has asthma, please provide a labelled inhaler and spacer to be kept in school. An asthma care plan must be completed.

Allergies

If your child requires an Epi-pen then please ensure that we have two, up to date Epi-pens in school at all times.

First Aid

We have qualified first aiders on site at all times. You will be contacted if your child has a head injury or requires further medical attention.

Safeguarding

The welfare of every child is our priority. All staff are trained in safeguarding and child protection procedures.





School Uniform

Girls

- Navy polo shirt with Parkside logo
- Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with Parkside logo
 - Grey skirt, pinafore, culottes or trousers
 - Yellow gingham summer dress (optional)
 - Grey or white plain tights/socks
 - Black sensible shoes
 - Coat preferably with hood
 - Sunhat
 - Pair of wellington boots
- Blue/Yellow hair clips/bobbles (hair longer than a 'bob' should be tied up)

Boys

- Navy polo shirt with Parkside logo
- Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with Parkside logo
 - Grey trousers/shorts
 - Grey socks
 - Black sensible shoes
 - Coat preferably with hood
 - Sunhat
 - Pair of wellington boots
- N.B Long hair should be tied up

Can be purchased at:

<https://crestedschoolwear.co.uk>

<http://www.myclothing.com>



Parents as partners

We recognise that parents and carers play a vital role in their child's learning and development, we believe that working together builds strong relationships that facilitate the best outcomes for your child. Parents and carers are their children's first teachers. When they are with you learning can happen at anytime and anywhere, for example through:

- Playing games, singing nursery rhymes.
- Talking about what you can see in the park or on the street.
- Counting the stairs as you go up and down.
- Laying the table, talking about how many plates, knives, & forks etc. you need.
- Encouraging your child to get dressed independently.
- Showing your son how to use a urinal.
- Develop independence when using the toilet, especially managing personal hygiene.
- Encouraging your child to write their name, e.g. in birthday cards, on the floor in chalk.
- Looking at books together and talking about the story and the pictures.
- Playing initial sound games like eye spy.



Parent & Teacher Meetings

Please do not hesitate to come and talk to us at the start or end of the day about anything, however small it may seem.

These are the official Parent/Teacher meetings below.

Autumn Term – Open Evening and Teacher Appointments

There will be an opportunity this term for you to come and look at your child's work and then meet with your child's teacher on an individual basis. Your child's teacher will share your child's Autumn Term Assessment letter with you.

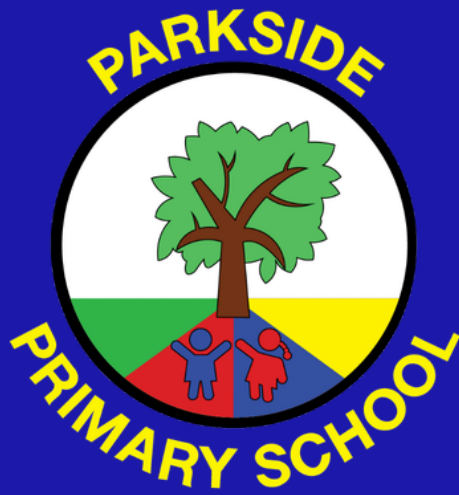
Spring Term – Open Evening and Teacher Appointments

There will be an opportunity this term for you to come and look at your child's work and then meet with your child's teacher on an individual basis. Your child's teacher will share your child's Spring Term Assessment letter with you.

Summer Term – Optional Evening and Reports

A written report will be sent to you, via your child, towards the end of term and an optional parents consultation evening will be available.





Thank You



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