

16 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As we near the end of the school year (and what a year it has been!) we are writing to you to confirm arrangements for the end of this term and the start of the next. We are looking forward to a Covid-free final week of school and hope Race at Our Place will be a great way to end the term for everyone.

End of Term Arrangements

- **Wednesday 21 July:** Challenge Day for all year groups in tutor groups
- **Thursday 22 July:** Challenge Day including Race at our Place from 1.30pm. The whole school will participate in the race by running, jogging or walking along Middle Park Way to Staunton Country Park and back to school, and will receive their medals at the end. Students may wear PE kit instead of school uniform on this day, along with their pink t-shirts.
- **Friday 23 July:** Students will be dismissed for the summer after lunch which will be 12.00-12.25pm for all children. Dismissal from school will be from 12.40pm

Summer Holiday Arrangements

As always, we have a number of activities running throughout the summer holidays. Further details can be found at: [Connect4Families Leaflet](#)
There are many opportunities to get involved in.

- **MUNCH** will be providing lunch every day throughout the summer holidays in the school restaurant between 12 and 1pm.
- **Summer School for Years 6, 7 and 8** is running from Monday 9 to Friday 13 August. There are a few places left, which must be booked in advance.
- **Reading coaching:** 26 July to 6 August for invited students
- **Connect4Families Festival Days:** At various venues throughout the summer.
- **Connect4Youth:** Daily activities for 11-16 year olds throughout the summer holidays. Places are free, make sure you book.

Covid Testing and Tracing

Until we break for summer on 23 July 2021, it is important your child remains at home if they have any Covid symptoms and that we are informed of any positive test results. We will continue to contact any close contacts in school until the end of term. However, over the summer holidays tracing contacts becomes the responsibility of the NHS.





Students attending Summer School who are currently in Years 7 and 8 will be asked to take Covid tests at or before the start of Summer School.

September arrangements

In September, we will have a staggered return for year groups to allow for a smooth start to term alongside in-school Covid testing. Currently, the government are directing schools to test every child twice within the first five days of school returning. Arrangements for the return are as follows:

Date	Year Groups starting back at school	Details
Friday 3 September	Year 7 full-time start at Park. In all day from 8.25am and every day from this point. Day 1 will include Covid testing with tutors supporting. Student Review Day for Years 8,9,10 and 11 - in for 30 minute appointment only with tutors and Covid testing (appointments will be sent out over the summer).	Year 7 arrive in full school uniform at 8.25am. School day ends at 2.45pm. Years 8-11 – planners and timetables will be given out at appointments. Students do not need to wear school uniform on this day.
Monday 6 September	Years 8 and 9 return to school	Start times will be staggered for each Year group
Monday 7 September	Year 10 and 11 return to school	Start times will be staggered for each Year group.

We will send you more detailed timings mid-August when we know if there will be any further changes put in place by the government, but we do not anticipate the dates above changing.

Preparing for September

Please find this year's 'Welcome to Park' booklet linked here: [welcome-to-park.pdf \(pcs.hants.sch.uk\)](https://www.pcs.hants.sch.uk/welcome-to-park.pdf). This includes everything you need to know to help your child start the new school year well. Please take time to read it with your child.

Uniform

Our uniform policy is linked in the booklet above and also on our website [uniform-policy.pdf \(pcs.hants.sch.uk\)](https://www.pcs.hants.sch.uk/uniform-policy.pdf). Please note that bottoms must be either black formal trousers or a black box-pleat skirt. Leggings, jeans or tightly fitted skirts are not permitted - we will be taking a stricter line on this in September. Please make sure your child has formal trousers or the correct skirt.



Mobile Phones

Our policy remains that mobile phones are not permitted in school at all. From September, any child seen with their mobile phone in school will receive a C4 detention along with the phone being handed into reception for safe keeping. As always, phones can be handed into reception before school if any child needs to bring one for their journey to school.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year, both with home learning and school. As a school community we have worked well together to ensure Park students have successfully navigated this academic year. We look forward to a more settled year ahead and continuing to work with you to support and challenge your children to be the best that they can be.

Yours faithfully

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