



Park Hall Junior Academy



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Welcome Back to School!



Dear Families,

A very warm welcome to Park Hall Junior Academy! Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning for another year, we're absolutely delighted to have you as part of our school community.

Starting at a new school year is a big step, and we know it can bring a mix of excitement and nerves for both children and parents. Please be reassured that our dedicated team is here to support you every step of the way. We're committed to making sure every child feels safe, happy, and ready to learn from day one.

At Park Hall, we pride ourselves on creating a nurturing environment where every child can flourish. Our values of supporting each other and to involve each other in true partnership guide everything we do, and we can't wait to see your children grow in confidence, make wonderful friendships, and achieve great things with us.

Over the coming weeks, you'll get to know our committed staff, explore our school routines, and discover all the exciting learning opportunities we have planned. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out – we have an open-door policy and genuinely value the partnership between home and school.

Thank you for choosing Park Hall Junior Academy. Here's to a fantastic year ahead filled with learning, laughter, and success!

With warmest wishes,
Ms Bracebridge
Executive Headteacher



Drop Off and Collection

The school doors will open at 8.45am; children need to be in class by 8.55am for their registration mark and learning time. Gates are locked at 8.55am prompt.

School finishes at 3.30pm. If children are not collected by 3:45pm they will be taken to Treehouse. There will be a charge for children taken to Treehouse.

Children will have been told today by their class teacher where to come into school in the morning. A member of the senior leadership team is available at the gate. At the end of the school day all children will leave via their designated doors - If your child will be collected by someone other than parents/carers, please make sure that the school office has been notified of any changes so that the collection list can be updated accordingly.



Uniforms, PE Kit and Stationery

Full school uniform, including sensible black shoes with black soles should be worn at all times, apart from your child's PE day when PE kit should be worn. **Please note that following feedback, we have updated the PE Kit guidelines to include darker grey tracksuits or black tracksuits., from this year onwards children are now allowed to wear any plain grey or black tracksuits or jogging bottoms for PE. The school website will be updated shortly.**



Please remember to clearly label your child's belongings – if it isn't named we cannot return lost items to your child! Unnamed lost property can be found by the school office.

Please do not allow your child to add key rings or charms to their school bag - these are easily lost around school.

Your child will not require any personal stationery. We have purchased a pencil case and all stationery needed for your child's learning. These should remain in school, for use in school only.

Photograph Competition

Please remember to send in your photo capturing the nature of our local area as we are soon going to be showcasing some of these natural areas around school and we would like to use your expertise and see how you interpret these areas. If you like to explore with your family around these local areas and you enjoy capturing the wonders of our amazing natural landscapes or perhaps capturing the creatures that live there, then this exciting project is for you! So, while you are out with your family on a leisurely outing or exploring the local area, we ask you to capture a moment of nature and email it into school using the email: postbox@parkhall-jun.walsall.sch.uk for the attention of Mrs Amos.

Please remember to not have people in your photo - keep to the nature of trees, plants and animals. Thank you. We are really looking forward to seeing your interpretations of what amazing nature we have in the local area of our school. The very best photographs will be displayed around school for everyone to enjoy.

Good luck.



PE Days

PE days are as follows for next year. Children will need to attend school in their PE kit on their PE day.

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Year 3	Tuesdays
Year 4	Mondays
Year 5	Fridays
Year 6	Wednesdays



Staffing and Classes for September 2026



Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Class 1 Mr Rai

Class 4 Miss Hall

Class 7 Miss Begum

Class 10 Miss Fuller

Class 2 Mrs Heminsley

Class 5 Miss Currah

Class 8 Mr Hale / Mrs Burton

Class 11 Miss Bradburn

Class 3 Mrs Griffiths

Class 6 Miss Stanley

Class 9 Mr Ennis

Class 12 Miss McCreery

MILK

Cool Milk

If you wish your child to receive milk from our supplier, Cool Milk, then please register your details and place orders with Cool Milk via their website: <https://coolmilk.com>



Food Allergies, Food Dudes and Lunch

In line with Benedict's Law, please **do not** send your child with nut based products. We have a number of children with severe allergies to different types of nuts – this can be extremely dangerous resulting in potentially life-threatening anaphylaxis. As a healthy school please ensure that mid-morning snacks are fruit and vegetables. Chocolate, crisps and sugary snacks should not be sent into school for a snack – a small treat may be included in their lunch box. When sending your child to school don't forget cutlery! Whether they need a spoon for yogurt or a fork for pasta, having the right utensils makes lunchtime much easier for everyone. Please ensure any cutlery you send in is plastic and reusable. Water bottles should be re-usable and NOT made of glass or metals. They will be able to be topped up throughout the day.



Year 5 and Year 6 Walking Home Alone

We are aware that our children are growing up and as such will be wanting to increase their independence and responsibility. With the lighter and longer days stretching before us, we know that parents are going to be considering letting their children walk home from school by themselves.

There is a "Walking Home Alone" form that will need to be completed and returned if you want your child to start walking by themselves. You must, as a parent or carer, be able to say that your child:

- Knows how to safely walk home alone, following a safe route that has been practised with you;
- Understand what they should do to stay safe when walking home or to your agreed meeting point;
- Know about any dangers during their walk home e.g. busy roads, the canal or the lake and know how to stay safe.

Forms can be collected from the school office, or requested electronically using the postbox@parkhall-jun.walsall.sch.uk email address.

Medication



Prescription Medication

Our current procedures for administering medication in school, following updated statutory guidance already shared with families. If your child needs prescribed medication during the school day:

- It must be brought to the school office by a parent or carer.
- A consent form must be completed with clear dosage and timing instructions.
- Medication must be in its original packaging, clearly labelled with your child's name and prescription details.
- Children are not permitted to carry medication, except for pre-approved cases (e.g. inhalers or EpiPens), which must still be logged with the office.

Over-the-Counter Medication

We are able to administer non-prescription medications (e.g. Calpol, antihistamines) as long as a clear label is on the medication bottle with your child's full name, class, dosage, time and signed by parent/carers.

These rules are in place to ensure pupil safety and comply with national safeguarding guidance. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Appointments during school hours

Attending a medical or dental appointment requiring emergency advice may be counted as authorised as long as the pupil's parent notifies the school in advance of the appointment and attendance is in line with our expectations. However, we encourage parents to make routine medical and dental appointments out of school hours where possible. Where this is not possible, the pupil should be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary. A reminder that parents are unable to park on the car park to collect children for appointments.

Communication

Please ensure that you have provided us with a current and operational email address.

All communications and letters will be emailed out to the priority addresses held on the school management system. We will also post information onto the School Website.





Important Attendance/Absence Information

School attendance is an important part of your child's academic and social journey. The Department of Education made some important changes in the law for families wanting to request leave of absence in term time.

The changes made are clear that schools will not grant any leave except in exceptional circumstances. There is a national threshold for issuing penalty notices, which is set at 10 missed sessions. This is equal to 5 school days, within a rolling period of 10 school weeks.

It is important for parent(s)/car(s) to aware that we meet weekly with the local authority, and they oversee all unauthorised leave. The local authority has started to issue penalty notices for unauthorised absence.

It is vital important that any absences from school are evidenced.

Please remember, an authorised absence continues to affect your child's overall attendance and their percentage will decrease.



Car Park Safety Reminder

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping our school community safe, we would like to remind everyone that the school car park is, first and foremost, a car park. This means vehicles will be moving in and out throughout the day.

For everyone's safety — especially our children — please take extra care when walking through the area. Please remember to use designated footpaths, hold children's hands, and remain mindful of vehicles that may be manoeuvring.

Thank you for helping us keep our school environment safe for all.



National Read Aloud Challenge

We hope you have been enjoying taking part in the National Read Aloud Challenge!

If any children have completed the Summer Reading Challenge, please bring the certificate to collect house points from Mrs Amos.



Out of School Achievements

It is very exciting for children to earn certificates and trophies at the clubs they attend. Due to a growing number of children wishing to share their out of school achievements, we share these in class and on the school website.

Please continue to email your child's achievements to postbox@parkhall-jun.walsall.sch.uk for all to see.

And finally...

Please, please, please park responsibly and think of our school community. The safety of the children relies on you being a good driver and parking sensibly at all times.



Please be mindful of the school community and do not block drives or restrict access for our residents.

Park Hall Close is private property and is using a National Parking Control Company who will issue Parking Charge Notices to owners of cars parked without permission.

Thank you for your continued support.

