

Parkland Primary School

Learning together



Foundation Stage Transition Booklet
2024/25

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Headteacher Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you and your child to Parkland Primary School, where we are dedicated to providing every child with an outstanding education and high aspirations for their future.

Located in South Wigston on the Leicester City/Leicestershire border, Parkland Primary is a large school with a strong sense of community and belonging. As part of the Discovery Schools Academy Trust, we collaborate with other schools to share best practises and resources, ensuring that your child receives the very best start in life.

Our school vision revolves around putting children at the heart of every decision we make. We have high expectations for our pupils and pride ourselves on offering a high-quality education with robust pastoral support. Our passionate and dedicated staff are committed to helping every child achieve their fullest potential.

At Parkland Primary, we offer a broad and engaging curriculum that provides students with a range of opportunities and experiences tailored to their needs both now and in the future. We strive to instil a lifelong passion for learning in each child, equipping them with the skills they need to succeed in life.

We believe that education is a partnership between home and school, and we highly value your input and support. Our school is deeply rooted in the community, with strong links to support our families. We take pride in our inviting learning environment and extensive grounds, and we encourage you to come and experience our school firsthand.

On behalf of the entire team at Parkland Primary School, I extend a warm welcome to you and your family. We are excited to embark on this educational journey together and look forward to working closely with you to ensure your child's success.

Andrew Hayes

Head Teacher

Parkland Primary School

Starting School

All children in EYFS will start school on **Tuesday 29th August 2023** (after August Bank Holiday Monday). Children will attend for mornings only initially to support them getting used to the school environment, routines, expectations, and the new people they will be meeting:

Tuesday 27th August – Friday 30th August

8.40am – 11.30am

During these afternoons, teachers will offer phone calls with parents. These meetings are to support with any questions about school that parents may have, and to get to know the children and their families.

All children in EYFS will start full-time from

Monday 2nd September.

8.40am – 3.10pm

Timetable to start

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| Tuesday 27th August to Friday 2nd September 2024 | Mornings only 8.40am to 11.30am |
| Monday 2nd September 2024 onwards | Full School Day 8.40am – 3.10pm |



We very much look forward to meeting and welcoming new parents and children to Parkland.

Transition

We have arranged for teachers to visit pre-schools and are able to offer the opportunity for pre-schools to visit us during the summer term.

Children and their parents will have an opportunity to join us for a Stay and Play event at the start of July in EYFS. This is an opportunity for your child to meet his/her peers and the class teachers while playing in the learning environment with parents there. This is a great opportunity for parents and children to get to know the class teacher and other staff in EYFS. Parents and children will be able to see the learning environment and go through the routines before starting school.

Transition mornings

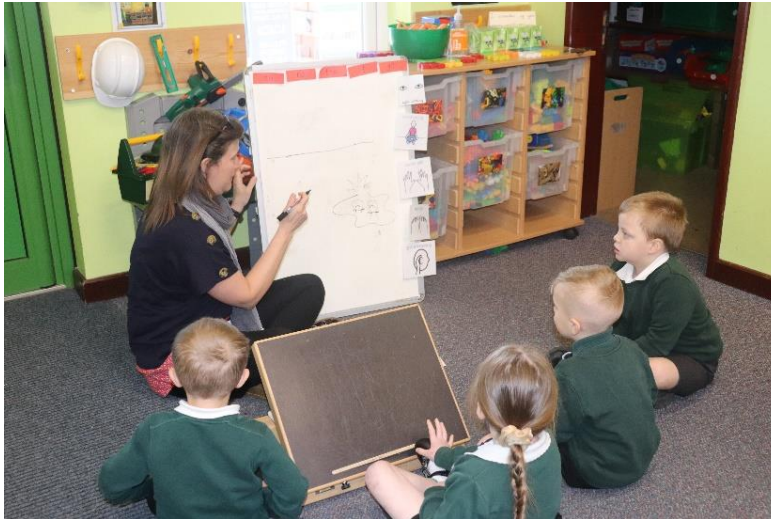
Monday 1st July 9.15am – 10.15am

Tuesday 2nd July 9.15am -10.15am

All children and parents are welcome at both or just one if you prefer. Your child's class information will be given out on these mornings.



The Foundation Stage



The Foundation Stage is a crucial part of your child's development.

At Parkland we have created a warm and friendly learning environment for children during these initial stages of their school journey. The learning environment is full of exciting learning opportunities for children to play, learn and

work together.

Play is an important part of early learning as it teaches children not only knowledge and understanding through discovery, but also fundamental social skills such as sharing, co-operating and communicating.

The school day involves a mixture of teacher led sessions and 'free flow' activity. Teacher led sessions



are used to develop phonics, speech/language skills, reading, writing, maths, creative and physical development, and knowledge and understanding of the world. During free flow, children are encouraged to choose from a number of carefully planned activities that will stimulate their learning, support independence, and help them achieve their next developmental steps. Adults use questioning and facilitate learning through skilful intervention in the children's play.

Children's achievements and attainment are measured against the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile, the statutory assessment for EYFS set out by the Department of Education.

A typical day in EYFS at Parkland

8.40am – Arrive at school on the EYFS playground, line up in classes ready to be greeted by the class teachers.

8.40-9am – Morning Activity and Register

9am – English and Topic Lesson

9.30am – Free flow activity time with opportunities to choose their own learning inside and outside

Snack time – During activity time, children will be able to choose free fruit and milk or water.

10.30am – Phonics Lesson

11.00am – Dough Disco / Snippy Disco

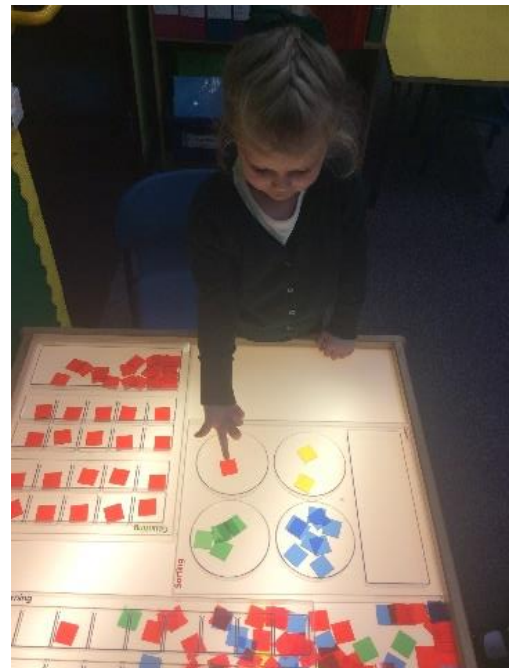
11.15am – Lunchtime. Children will have the choice from three free hot meal options every day.

12.30pm – Maths Lesson

1.00pm – PE/Music/PSHE/RE/Free flow activity time with opportunities to choose their own learning inside and outside

2.40pm – Story time

3.10pm – Home time



Morning Routine

School starts at 8.40am, teachers will open the doors at this time and welcome children into the classrooms. Children will go into school on their own, staff will be in the classrooms helping them to put their belongings away and settle in. We will be available to speak to parents on the playground before the children come inside.



This is our cloakroom. In here children will have a peg, with their name on, to hang their coat and PE kit. In classrooms, children will have a named drawer to keep their book bag in. It is really important children can recognise their own name so they can find their peg and drawer!

Children will need:

- A book bag in school everyday
- A reusable water bottle in school everyday
- Wellies – these can stay in school for the year. We go outside in all weathers!
- Weather appropriate outdoor clothing e.g. waterproof/warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves in the winter and a sun hat for the summer
- No toys or personal belongings from home are allowed in school.

Please make sure all belongings and items of clothing are **named**. There are 90 children sharing the same cloakroom, things do get mixed up, however if **full names** are in belongings, we can aim to make sure they get back to their rightful owner!

Our Playground



This is where you will arrive in the mornings and wait to be greeted by your class teacher each day.



Keep an eye on our Parent's Notice Board for regular updates about school.



This is where we keep our wellies. We like to go outside in all weathers, so make sure you bring yours!

School Uniform

At Parkland Primary School, we expect the children to be in school uniform every day. Children in EYFS have opportunities to play outside and with messy elements every day. Please understand that your child needs to be warm and comfortable and may come home with evidence of their learning on their uniform!

Children in EYFS may wear:

- Green sweatshirt or cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers, shorts, dress or skirt
- Grey, black or white socks or grey/black tights
- EYFS children are also allowed to wear black joggers or leggings to support our active curriculum
- Black school shoes/black trainers with no coloured logo or markings and no laces
- A suitable coat



In Summer children are also welcome to wear:

- Green checked dress
- Grey or black shorts

On PE days children are expected to come to school in their PE kits.

PE Uniform

- Sweatshirt (no logo)
- Green or white plain T shirt
- Black or grey jogging trousers or shorts (no logo)
- Trainers/plimsoles (no laces)

ALL UNIFORM SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH CHILD'S NAME.

SCHOOL DINNER ARRANGEMENTS

Your child can have either school dinners, or packed lunches bought from home. **All Foundation Stage and Key Stage One children are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals.** All children having dinners will be able to choose which dinner they would like during registration every morning. They will have a choice of three meals, which will be colour coded: **Red** (meat option), **Blue** (halal option), **Yellow** (light bite) or **Green** (vegetarian). *If your child has a dietary requirement, i.e. an allergy/intolerance to certain foods/ingredients, please contact the school office to discuss having a special diet.* A copy of the current school menu can be found at www.parklandprimary.co.uk

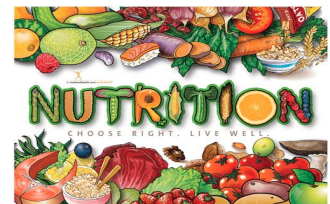


Packed lunches should be simple, healthy and easy to eat. Please make sure lunch bags/boxes are clearly named. Fizzy drinks and glass bottles are **not** allowed. We have several children with severe nut and strawberry allergies and therefore must ask that you ensure that your child's lunches or snacks **do not contain nuts of any sort or strawberries, including flavourings.**

Should we notice that your child is eating or has eaten nuts or nut related food, we will contact you.

HEALTHY EATING

We are members of the 'Free Fruit for Schools' scheme and the children will have fruit and other healthy food. During the day the children can choose when to have a piece of fruit and try other healthy snacks. This is called 'Free Flow Fruit'. **Please let us know if your child has any food allergies.**



COOL MILK SCHEME



Every child who is under 5 years old will receive a 189ml serving of milk each day. The school will register your child for free school milk at the beginning of the academic year. Their school milk will not only provide them with essential nutrients, but as it is re-hydrating and energy boosting it bridges the long gap between breakfast and lunch and helps children to stay focused.

Once your child reaches 5 years old, you can buy subsidised milk from Coolmilk. **YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR THIS SCHEME.** Simply register at www.coolmilk.com or contact Cool Milk direct on 0844 854 2913.

Please note that milk will continue to be free for children who are entitled and have applied for 'Free School Meals' once they are 5 years old.

PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

Pupil Premium Funding is additional funding allocated to school by the Government to improve attainment of pupils from low-income families. It enables the school to purchase resources for your child that would not otherwise be available. ***It is therefore important that you register, if eligible, as soon as possible.***

Your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium Funding, which would entitle them to:

- **FREE SCHOOL DINNERS**
- **FREE SCHOOL MILK**
- **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH SCHOOL TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES**

Do you claim any of the following?

- Income Support
- Income-based jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Pat V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Checking eligibility for Pupil Premium Funding is very simple.

Please contact Leicestershire County Hall on 0116 3055417, or speak to a member of staff in the school office.

Please have your National Insurance Number to hand if you can, and you will be informed of your eligibility immediately.

Please inform the school office of the outcome of the telephone conversation. If you are eligible the relevant department will liaise with the school and the funding will be put in place.

PARKLAND RANGERS – Wrap Around Care

Parkland Rangers is the school's on-site before and after school wrap around care service. Open to all children who attend Parkland Primary School, including Pre-School. Parkland Rangers are based in the Year 4 building with access available at the rear of the school.

MORNING SESSIONS:

7:30am – 8:45 am (with light breakfast) - £5.00 per session

AFTERNOON SESSIONS:

Early - 3:15pm – 4:30pm - £4.50 per session

Late - 3:15pm – 5:45pm (with light snack) - £7.50 per session

All bookings and payments are made via the online system ParentPay (please see below for further details). A completed registration form will also need to be completed; this can be obtained from the school office.

PARENTPAY



At Parkland, our preferred method of payment is the secure online cashless system, ParentPay, which we believe provides parents with a much more convenient way to pay for trips, school dinners (Key Stage 2), before and after-school care and other activities. The benefits of ParentPay are:

- Offers a highly secure payment site
- Provides a history of all the payments you have made
- You don't have to worry about your child losing money at school

You will receive a ParentPay account activation letter, at the start of the Autumn Term.

SCHOOL TERM TIME

Our term dates can be found on the school website, together with details of our Teacher Days. If you would like a paper copy of the school term dates, please ask at the school office.

The school is unable to authorise any holiday taken in term time and parents may be subject to a fine if their children are absent from school for this reason. Please ensure that you book any holidays and appointments, where possible, outside of school time.

Parent and Teacher Communication

At Parkland, we want to ensure we build positive relationships with parents from the moment your child starts school. We aim to involve you in your child's learning, progress, and achievements throughout their time with us.

Class Dojo

In EYFS we use an online app called Class Dojo. We use this to share photos and videos of your child's learning in school and whole class activities. We send details of progress and next steps, together with suggestions of resources and things to do at home to support your child's learning. Children's Dojo accounts will be set during their first week at school.

Home Visit

Home visits will be arranged in the afternoons during the first week of school while children are attending part-time. Teachers will be able to share information about the school, answer any questions you may have, and give us the opportunity to get to know you and your child better.

Parent's Evenings

Parent's Evenings will be arranged in the Autumn and Spring Terms to discuss children's progress in school and reports will be written at the end of the year.

Teachers will be available to speak to you briefly before and after school daily, or longer meetings can be arranged by calling the school office.

There will also be opportunities throughout the year for parents to join us at school for stay and plays, or to complete activities in school with your children and occasions when parents will be invited to look at children's schoolwork, books and learning journeys.

EYFS Photo Gallery



