

18th July 22'

<u>Re: September Updates</u>

Dear Park Lane Family,

As we draw closer to the end of yet another successful year, we naturally begin to look forward and make plans for the upcoming academic year of 2022-23.' There are a few updates mentioned below that we wanted to inform our Family of with plenty of notice so that any appropriate considerations can be made.

School Day

In an attempt to ensure that all of our Griffins get the full educational offer that they are entitled to, we are going to be making a necessary change to the start time of our school day. Our school gates will be opening from 8:30 for an 8:45 start to the school day therefore **all children will need to be in classrooms, ready to learn by 8:45 at the very latest.** As you will know, it is a statutory right that children attend school and attendance has a great impact on not only children's attainment and progress but also their well-being. This rings true for lateness, and it is imperative that children arrive to school promptly: punctuality is an important life skill and lateness can become a habit; just 5 minutes late per day can result in a shocking 3 days of lost learning time per year. Rest assured that we can fully appreciate illness occurs and we will always do our very best to support our families in any way that we can.

Assemblies

We are thrilled to announce that we will be inviting our Families to our Values assemblies on a Friday: these assemblies will alternate weekly with one week focusing on our EYFS and Year 1/Year 2 Griffins and then the other focusing on our Key Stage 2 (Year 3-Year 6) Griffins. If your child has been selected to receive a Values award, you will be informed via text message by the Monday prior to the assembly, to invite you along to celebrate their success.

School Dinners

Following the success of our taster event, we are beyond excited to be bringing our school dinners in house from September with the launch of Apetito. It was wonderful to observe so many of our Family sampling, and more importantly enjoying the wonderous food from Apetito: the feedback that we have received from you was very beneficial and will be used to guide our plans for the new year. It is with our pleasure that we will be offering every Griffin a complimentary school dinner on Wednesday 7th September as a welcome back to what will be a fantastic year topped off with nutritious, cost-effective school dinners.

Staffing Changes

We will be welcoming a new member of staff to the Park Lane Family next year: Miss Roper will be joining our teaching team and will be based in Year 6. Miss Roper did spend some time in Year 2 throughout the Autumn Term, therefore may be familiar with many of our

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Year 2 Family faces. We are sure that all of our Family will make Miss Roper feel very welcome as she starts this exciting journey.

<u>PE Kit</u>

We will be continuing to welcome our Griffins into school wearing their **full Park Lane PE kit** on their assigned PE days: these will be released via our communication platforms in due course.

<u>Uniform</u>

Full School Uniform is an expectation at Park Lane and can be purchased from the Schoolwear Centre in Nuneaton, or online via www.schoolwearsolutions.com or myclothing.com. School ties can be purchased via our School Office.

Pupil Premium Support

During these difficult times we understand some of our families may be experiencing financial hardship. To see if your family is entitled to additional support with regards to free school meals, or have an entitlement to school extras such as uniform, subsidised wraparound care or funded school trips, please use the link below. Even if you have done this before, but your circumstances have changed, it is worth checking again to see if you are entitled to additional funding to support your child and family. To check your eligibility please use the following

link: https://admissions.warwickshire.gov.uk/Synergy/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=.%2FParents %2F

As some of you may know, all children in Reception through to Year 2 are entitled to the Universal Free School Meals: it is recommended for families to check and apply for free school meal entitlement before they reach Year 3. If this has not been applied for and confirmed by the time they reach Year 3, the meals will be chargeable. Should you need any support with completing any applications, our school Admin Team are always happy to help.

September

The gates of Park Lane will be opening on Wednesday 7th September for the start of the academic year of 2022-23 from 8:30am. Please note: Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th are Teacher Training Days therefore school will be closed to all Griffins.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a wonderful, relaxing Summer holiday after what has been an incredibly successful year. Our Family, both staff and children, deserve a restful Summer and we will look forward to continuing to work together as one Family in September.

Yours sincerely,

A Ladbury Head of School

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