



Park Junior School

Together We Make a Difference

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Welcome to Park Junior School



We are extremely proud to welcome you and your child to Park Junior School.

We are a two form entry Junior School (Years 3 - 6) with 240 children on role.

The school is within a fabulous Victorian building that has been modernised over the years to provide a bright and spacious learning environment. Outside, there are two large playgrounds, a quiet area and a wealth

of apparatus to make your child's break times stimulating and enjoyable.

We provide a safe and caring community and celebrate the diversity and various cultural beliefs of our children.

Our dedicated staff ensure that each child follows a progressive learning path, being supported if there are specific needs or challenged if working at greater depth. We

believe in giving our children the best life experiences possible and this is achieved through a rich curriculum, many extra curricular opportunities and a wealth of visitors and trips outside the school.

Our links to the school community are very important to us, so we strive to give as many opportunities as possible to parents to join us for annual and termly events. Examples are assemblies and community teas.

Welcome to Park Junior School



Northampton Academy Primary Trust (NPAT)

In September 2022, Park Junior School converted to become an academy and joined the Northampton Primary Academy Trust (NPAT). Being part of a wider academy trust consisting of 14 primary schools, has been a very exciting development that will provide us with great opportunities for the future development of our children and staff.

Ofsted (April 2025)

The school has retained its 'good' judgement by Ofsted in our latest inspection.

'Park Junior School is a welcoming and inclusive place where pupils thrive'

'Pupils show pride in their school and are keen to learn'

'The school promotes a sense of belonging and community, underpinned by strong values'

SEMH Unit

We are very proud of our SEMH (Social, Emotional and mental Health) Unit which is a special provision for children attending other schools in the county who need extra dedicated support. We have experienced staff who work with the home schools and their children to enable them to succeed. Although it is hard when a placement finishes, we are delighted that each child will go on to achieve their potential.

School Day



Attendance

It is very important your child attends school so they don't miss out on their learning. An attendance of above 95% is expected. If your child is absent, please inform the school so that it is recorded as an authorised absence. In line with the Government's own guidance on the issue of term time holidays, these holidays will not be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Meals and Snacks

Hot school lunches are provided by Dolce which are ordered online. Your child may be entitled to free hot meals if you are in receipt of certain allowances or benefits. Children may also bring a packed lunch. They should not bring fizzy drinks or sweets. We also ask for no nuts due to some of our children having nut allergies. Children are welcome to bring healthy snacks in for morning break.

School Hours

The school day begins at 8:50am, however children are able to arrive from 8:40am when a member of staff is in the playground to supervise. The day finishes at 3:30pm.

School Day



Uniform

A uniform enables our children to feel part of our school community. Our uniform is red with our school logo on jumpers, shirts and fleeces. Uniform can be ordered from Karl Sports online.

Breakfast/ After School club

Every morning from 7.45am we offer a breakfast club. Parents can register and pay for their children online for specific

days.

We also accompany children to The Avenue Infant School for an After School Club at 3:30pm when the school day finishes.

Behaviour

We have high expectations at Park Junior School. Our Behaviour Policy promotes working with the children to take responsibility for their own behaviour. We aim to encourage good behaviour through

positive praise and highlighting those traditional elements of good manners we all value.

Homework

Homework gives children an opportunity to consolidate what has been taught in school and helps children develop self-responsibility. Our homework grid of tasks is set termly and children work to achieve points by completing their chosen tasks using our remote platform 'Teams'.

The Curriculum



The school's curriculum combines high standards with a broad and rich curriculum. Great emphasis is placed on planning so that there is continuity, progression, challenge and pace. We follow the National Curriculum which enables children to learn new statutory requirements with an emphasis on the depth of learning. Our aims are to enable the children to become successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens who make a

positive contribution to society. Our curriculum is well planned, creative and vibrant. We have also allowed flexibility to meet individual pupil's needs and strengths. We have many cross-curricular studies which provide opportunities for children to enrich and enhance their learning and make connections with other parts of the curriculum, as well as further develop and encompass some excellent opportunities in the world around them. We also focus on

supporting those children who need the support and challenging the greater depth learners to enable them to reach their full potential.

Core subjects (Maths and English) are taught daily with weekly sessions for our other subjects which are either taught discreetly or within a 'topic'. These are: Science, Geography, History, French, Computing, PE, PHSE, Art, Design and Technology, RE and Music.

Extra-Curricular Activities



Trips and Visits

To enrich our children's experiences of the world around them, we organise a number of visitors every year as well as trips for each year group. Previous trips have included:

- Hamerton Zoo
- Cadbury World
- Holdenby House WW2 experience
- Black Country Museum
- Flag Fen

Residential Trips

We also run two residential visits; one for Year 4 to the Peak District for 2 nights and one for Year 6 to Wales for 4 nights. These trips are invaluable in giving our children new experiences and are thoroughly enjoyed by all.

School Clubs

We believe that offering clubs after school for our children to enjoy is a vital component of their school life. For this

reason, we offer a large number of clubs after school for all year groups to suit all.

Options include:

- Cricket
- Football
- Building/lego
- Choir
- Drama
- Netball
- Tennis
- Writing

A School Community for all



SEND

A child may have a special educational need if they have a medical, physical, emotional, behavioural or a learning need. Some children will experience short-term special needs that, with additional support, are overcome. Other children will experience much longer-term needs that require an individualised programme of support. The school is committed to meeting the individual needs of each child

where resources allow. Parents are always informed of any identified needs as early as possible and are encouraged to discuss their concerns with us. We have close links with a number of support agencies that may be able to help.

Greater Depth

We recognise that many children have particular talents in certain subjects and so to nurture these talents, we provide a

stimulating and challenging curriculum to help these children achieve greater depth at the end of Key Stage 2.

EAL

We celebrate the diversity of the children in our school and encourage each child to be proud of their backgrounds and beliefs. We have a particular strength in being able to support those children who are learning English.

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Safeguarding

We place the highest priority on the safeguarding of children in our care to ensure that we promote the health, well-being and safety of the children at all times. Any parents with any concerns or worries should contact our Family Support Worker, or the Headteacher. We have a clear safeguarding and child protection policy in place at Park which all staff follow effectively and all child protection procedures are in place.

Anti-Bullying

Our school promotes total inclusivity and any incidents of bullying are dealt with immediately. We pride ourselves on the fact that our incidents of bullying are very rare. Our children understand what the term bullying means whilst enjoying being part of a caring and supportive school community. We have achieved a national Anti-bullying Award, due to our dedicated work on anti-bullying through the school.

School Council

Park Junior School recognises the importance of the pupils' voice and making them part of the decision making process. The school has elected a School Council; the Council represents the pupils and puts forward new ideas, suggestions and ways of solving problems. The School Council meets weekly. The members are also trained peer support mentors who are available to support their peers.

A School Community for all



Communication

It is very important to us that our parents and carers feel very much part of our school community. We plan as many events as we can to invite parents into the school such as community teas, assemblies and sports days. There are also a number of ways the school will communicate with you. We have a fortnightly newsletter, termly year group letters, Parentmail (email and text) and the school website:

(www.parkjuniorwellingborough.co.uk).

Staff are often in the playground when the children leave school allowing for any quick conversations that are needed.

We also communicate through our Facebookpage (www.facebook.com/parkjunschool/), which is very useful to keep our home/school links.

FOPJS (Friends of Park Junior School)

FOPJS is involved in fund raising and it also has a priority in making sure children and parents enjoy free activities such as games nights or the lego building challenge. They have been paramount in providing extra equipment for the children with the funds they raise for many years. The FOPJS need new members each year. Get to know people and have fun whilst helping the school and community!

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