



MURRAY PARK SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to our new academic year. We are delighted to be back; all our staff and governors are looking forward to supporting our students in their learning.

5th September 2022 Return: 8.30am start for Year 7 - all other year groups have a 10am start

We start back on the 5th September, start times are: 8.30am for Year 7 with all other year groups beginning at 10am. CAT tests (for Year 7 only) and photographs (all year groups) to take place throughout the day.

During the first day, Year 7 students whose parents/carers have not yet completed the electronic student information sheet will be given a paper copy. Please return this asap. Also, if your child is in Year 8 to 11 and any of their details have changed, please email info@murraypark.derby.sch.uk or contact school.

Murray Park Values and Motto

I have added our PRIDE Values below, with the statements demonstrating our curriculum model which we work with day-to-day to ensure all students experience the cultural capital required to leave Murray Park as confident and successful young adults.

It is important to us that all students feel happy and safe, so they can thrive in school. Our new Learning Motto is based on the acronym OASIS, as we expect school to be a place of sanctuary. This was designed by students and encapsulates what they believe are the fundamentals to a great learning experience.



BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING MOTTO

At Murray Park School, we always:

- Organise ourselves effectively
- Arrive on time
- Speak when required
- Interact with our learning
- Self-regulate

As ever, we have the highest of expectations for our students. During tutor time next week tutors will be checking students have the correct core equipment, which includes a black/blue pen, a red pen and a ruler. Tutors will be issuing these to any students who require them during the first week, before we begin formal equipment checks in the second week.

Our school is a mobile phone free site. We recognise students may bring these into school for the journey to and from home; however, they should not be seen during the school day unless a teacher directs them to use for learning. I would appreciate your support in reminding your child of this.



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Travelling to and from school

Wherever possible, we encourage students to walk, cycle or take public transport, rather than rely on parents/carers picking them up. This is due to congestion around Murray Road between 2.30-3.30pm each day. This also helps to build independence and confidence as students move into young adulthood. We are working closely with the Mickleover Parking Partnership to seek solutions around this and will keep you informed of new initiatives to help this through next year. As part of this work, we will be texting a survey for you to complete in the coming week, so we can establish what is viable moving forward. This might include putting on school buses, so it is important we get the widest possible picture of the current situation.

School Uniform 2022/23

As mentioned in the summer term, we are providing a pop-up uniform service to help families in the current financial climate. The first of these will be on Monday 5th September, 8am to 4pm. Any parent/carer can report to Reception during those times and the Reception staff will be able to assist you with choosing the uniform your child requires. It is second hand uniform/PE kit, with limited stock. It will be distributed on a first-come-first-served basis; all items are free and only one of each item can be taken for each child. This will be offered at junctures throughout the year.

If you have any uniform you could donate, please bring to Reception at any time. Your help is much appreciated.

Pupil Premium Students 2022/23

Pupil Premium students will again receive subsidised uniform, trips and resources. Please see our website for further details.

If you or your family are struggling in any way during these difficult times, whether you are Pupil Premium or not, please let us know through info@murraypark.derby.sch.uk or the Head of Year. We have close links to local foodbanks and can support you in many other areas.

Parent Partnership

We would like to re-launch our PTA this year, following a few years of COVID restrictions. Please look out for the text re our first meeting. We would love to see lots of new members.

In addition, I always welcome feedback. Every first Monday of the month, I will be available from 2pm to 4pm to meet individually with parents/carers to discuss any concerns or receive positive feedback. Please book your 15 minute slot with my PA Catherine Pearch via email catherine.pearch@murraypark.derby.sch.uk.

Thank you for all your support in the background. We look forward to working with you this coming academic year.

Kindest regards



Mrs Caley
Headteacher

