



East Park News

Friday 11th September 2026

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TOGETHER

WELCOME!

We are delighted to welcome you all to the 2026-2027 academic year at East Park Primary School.

What a fantastic start to the new school year we've had at East Park Primary!

It has been a busy and exciting first week, and we are delighted with how well the children have settled into their new classes and buildings. It has been wonderful to see pupils working so collaboratively in their classrooms and enjoying their playtimes together across both the upper and lower school sites. We are very proud of how quickly the children have adapted to their new routines.

The pupils have completed lots of activities on well-being as well as learning about the routines and expectations of their new year group. Looking ahead, after this valuable transition time, the children will begin their more formal lessons next week, including Phonics, Maths, and other core subjects. We are excited about the learning journey ahead and all that this term has to offer. We have focused on our theme of 'Belonging', which will be a thread through out the year.

Our focus this term is high quality outcomes in everything the pupils do, specially the presentation of their books and accuracy of their spelling, punctuation and grammar. We will also be focusing on embedding our behaviour policy and **3 P's: POLITE PREPARED PROUD**

The children have looked extremely smart in our East Park uniform, especially the plain black footwear that our policy stipulates. Thank you to all our families for supporting our uniform policy. We ask that ALL families adhere to all of our policy.

We would like to welcome all our new EYFS children and families and look forward to sharing your child's journey. All the children have been delightful and are settling into the class routines very well.

Thank you once again for your support during this important period. We look forward to a fantastic term together as we continue our East Park journey.

Mrs J Rozenbroek

Head Teacher

Miss R Robinson

Head of School

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

The Before and After School Club offered by East Park Primary School provides high quality out-of-school hours' childcare for our school community. It provides a range of activities in a safe environment.

The 'Early Bird' Club operates from 7.45am to the start of the school day at a cost of £2.50. There is the option of a 7:30 am drop off at a cost of £3.00.

The 'Afternoon Owls' offers a range of child care options. These include the 3:40 pm pick up club at a cost of £1. There is also a 4:40 pick up offer at a cost of £3.50 and a 5:20 pm offer at a cost of £5:00 (term time only).

All pupils need to be signed in at the upper school hall and be collected from here.

A breakfast is not provided for the pupils but a snack and drinks are available, such as a breakfast bar, biscuit, yoghurt and fruit.

Afternoon snacks and drinks are also offered for pupils attending the after school club.

All bookings need to be made in advance using the online booking form on the My child at school APP unless you are using the Government Tax Free Child Care scheme. (Please contact the school office for the link or any other information you require)

All bookings need to be made 48 hours in advance on the APP.

It may be possible to book a place on the day by ringing the school office in the event of an emergency but this is dependent on staff/pupil ratios.

If you wish to cancel, contact should be made with the office so attendance registers can be amended.

Pupils are expected to follow out school behaviour policy when attending the before and after school provision demonstrating our school values of:

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as well as our 3P's for behaviour: **POLITE PREPARED PROUD.**

If pupils are not demonstrating safe and respectful behaviour the school will withdraw this offer.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The school nursing team will be in school on Tuesday 22nd September to undertake the flu immunisations with the lower school pupils in EYFS 2, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3.

The upper school pupils in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will have their immunisations on Tuesday 6th November and the team will also catch up on any pupils that have been missed.

Staff will be with their classes so will support any pupils who are feeling worried about the nasal spray.

A link will be sent to book your child's immunisation.

All Nursery children need to visit their GP for their immunisation.

E-SAFETY

Group chats are a hugely popular way for children to stay in touch with their friends, whether via messaging apps, social platforms or games. These online groups can help them feel connected, strengthen relationships and encourage creativity – but they also come with certain risks.

From teasing and exclusion to privacy worries and inappropriate content, children can experience a wide range of challenges in group chats. The attached guide helps parents and educators recognise the signs of trouble and offers simple ways to support children in using group chats safely and respectfully.

Mr D Caton / Mis B Vine (E-Safety Leaders)



HEALTHY SNACK

Children can bring a healthy snack to school to eat during the morning break but please ensure this is not a chocolate bar, chocolate-based cereal bar, crisps, fruit winders, cheese straws or nuts.

Children in EYFS, Year One and Two are still supplied with a free healthy snack each day which includes a variety of fruits, vegetables and dried fruits.

Please do not send any snacks or items in packed lunches that contain nuts or eggs as we have pupils with allergies and need to ensure we are not putting them at risk.

Please ensure your child has a named clean water bottle containing fresh water each day.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

A free hot meal is available to all pupils in EYFS 2 and Key Stage One as part of the Government Universal Free School Meals.

Pupils in Key Stage Two (Years 3 – 6) can purchase a hot meal at a cost of **£1.70**.

Meals need to be booked and paid for using the My Child At School App. Meals need to be paid for in advance. Children do not book their food choices on the APP as this is done with the staff each morning

Pupils in the Nursery who wish to stay at school with a packed lunch are charged £5 to cover staff supervision. Please pay via the My Child At School App. Meals need to be paid for in advance.

Pupils can bring a healthy packed lunch to school (no sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks) as their preferred choice of lunch.

If you think you are eligible for Free School meal funding, please speak to Mrs J Mulligan, the School Business Manager, based in the upper school office or email **admin@eastpark.horizonacademy.uk**

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you to all families for ensuring the children are so smart and ready for school this week following our uniform policy. It was lovely to see a sea of blue and yellow.

As the weather becomes cooler all children need a waterproof jacket/coat so they can enjoy their break and lunchtimes. Year Six pupils can wear their hooded tops at break and lunch and in outdoor PE lessons but also need a waterproof coat when the weather is wet.

It is important that the children **do not** wear jewellery apart from a watch and a pair of stud earrings, which must be taken out or covered for PE. False nails, gel nails and nail varnish are not permitted so please ensure they are removed. Hair should be neat and tidy and extreme hairstyles/headwear are not acceptable.

Shoes with a heel should not be worn as this can pose a potential safety issue and we desperately want to keep all our children safe. Black shoes or black plain trainers should be worn without brightly coloured logo's or 4G studs.

Please ensure girls are not wearing 'short' thigh height shorts or tube skirts as these are not appropriate for the activities they undertake. All skirts and shorts need to be knee length so pupils can sit crossed legged. We will be sending home specific letters if we feel uniform is inappropriate.

Uniform can be purchased from Steady School Wear on Holderness Road with our East Park logo or alternatively through their online shop. Many supermarkets stock the East Park colours too. Steady School Wear will deliver to school a few times a month to be collected from the school office.



Please see the school uniform policy on the school website for full details of our uniform policy. Fleeces sold at Steady School Wear and Year 6 hoodies are outer wear and not part of the indoor school uniform and must not be worn in doors.

Thank you for your support

THE SCHOOL DAY

In the morning, the school gates will open at 8:30am. The school doors will open at 8:35am where the support staff will let the children into school and teachers will be waiting to begin lessons. Please wait on the playground until the doors to your child's entrance door opens. At 8.45am all gates on the school site will be locked; the only access into school will be via the School Main Office after this time.

Lunch break commences at 11:40am and finishes at 12:40pm. If you have any old games, toys or creative activity resources that you would like to donate for lunchtimes, please send them in with your child.

All school gates will open at 3:00pm.

PE DAYS

Pupils must come to school in their East Park PE kit and ensure they have appropriate footwear and clothing such as a waterproof jacket.

All pupils need a plain blue schools PE t-shirt or royal blue polo shirt and plain black shorts and plain black tracksuit and trainers for outdoor lessons. Pupils will go outside during the cold Autumn and Winter months so please ensure they have the appropriate clothing. (Please do not use logo branded items such as football football kits etc.)

All jewellery must be taken off. If pupils cannot take out their earrings, please provide plasters or ear tape for them to be covered up. Hair needs to be tied up on PE days.

Nursery and Reception pupils have indoor PE each week. Years 1-6 pupils have outdoor PE each week and indoor PE every other week.

CLASS	OUTDOOR EVERY WEEK
Year 1	Thursday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Monday
Year 4	Tuesday
5PC	Monday
5EF, 5MA & 5VD	Thursday
6JD and 6SD	Wednesday
6CJ	Thursday

CLASS	INDOOR PE EVERY OTHER WEEK
EYFS1	Wednesday/Friday
EYFS2	Monday
Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Monday

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

We are excited to share a special part of our school week – our Weekly Celebration Assembly!

Every Friday, pupils come together in the lower and upper schools to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our pupils. For these assemblies each class teacher selects one child from their class to receive the Achievement Award. This is a fantastic opportunity to shine a spotlight on children who have gone above and beyond during the week.

The award is based on a weekly theme, which might include:

- ♦ Showing excellent behaviour
- ♦ Demonstrating our school values
- ♦ Producing outstanding work in a subject such as Maths or English
- ♦ Showing kindness and helping others
- ♦ Making great progress in their learning

We love seeing the pride on our pupils' faces as they receive their certificate in front of the school – it's a moment that really boosts confidence and encourages others to try their best too!

We look forward to continuing this positive tradition, where every child has the chance to be recognised for their efforts, achievements, and contributions to our school community.



This week our theme was: A wonderful start to the new school year

CLASS	PUPIL	CLASS	PUPIL	CLASS	PUPIL
RVB	N/A	2CO	Leo	5EF	Rossi
RCL	N/A	3JD	Eliza	5MA	Oliver
RAF	N/A	3HF	Jake	5VD	Harry
1MA	Ollie	3AM	Freddie	5PC	Timothy
1GG	Louis	4PB	Alana	6CJ	Elijah
1PB	Brooke	4RS	George	6SD	George
2SA	Alfie	4MV	Joel	6JD	Myla
2MJ	Tilly	4NS	Rosie		

ATTENDANCE

Mr Stuart Clark, Horizon Attendance Lead, has asked that we share with you the following guidance below, relating to Attendance. A copy of the Trust Attendance Policy and Procedures can be found on our website for you to access.

One of the most important issues facing schools in Hull is the level of pupil absence. We know that children who are not in school cannot learn.

In Hull, the level of pupil absence is much higher than it is nationally. Consequently, at Horizon Academy Trust we aim to:

- aspire towards and then maintain an attendance rate of a minimum of 96.5%
- continue to raise and maintain parents 'and pupils' awareness of the importance of regular attendance
- challenge all absences that do not meet the criteria for being authorised.

Good attendance is important because:

- statistics show a direct link between under-achievement and poor attendance
- regular attenders make better progress, both socially and academically
- regular attenders find school routines and school work easier to cope with
- regular attenders find learning more satisfying
- regular attenders have an easier transfer to secondary school.

REASONS FOR WHICH ABSENCE WILL BE AUTHORISED

At Horizon Academy Trust, the following reasons are acceptable for a child to be absent:

- sickness/illness, (confirmation may be required for a prolonged period of absence e.g. More than one week)
- medical appointments that have to be made during school hours as no other appointments are available
- approved religious observance
- exceptional family circumstances. (Authorised by the Headteacher/Head of School)

REASONS FOR WHICH ABSENCE WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED

Those listed below, are unacceptable reasons for absence from school:

- term-time holidays
- getting up late
- looking after brothers or sisters or relatives
- shopping
- birthdays
- visiting friends and family

if a child's attendance falls below 90% and medical evidence cannot be produced. There may be some other exceptional circumstances when an absence might be authorised in line with the policy but these would be at the Headteacher's/Head of School's discretion.

GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL REALLY DOES MATTER. DID YOU

KNOW....

In a school year, if your child is late every day by

5 minutes
10 minutes
15 minutes
20 minutes
30 minutes

Your child would have lost approximately

3.5 days from school
7 days from school
10 days from school
14.5 days from school
22 days from school

Or they would have missed....

20 lessons
41 lessons
55 lessons
82 lessons
123 lessons

If your child's attendance during the school year....

was 95%
was 90%
was 85%
was 80%
was 75%

Your child would have lost approximately....

9 days from school
19 days from school
29 days from school
38 days from school
48 days from school

Or they would have missed.....

50 lessons
100 lessons
150 lessons
200 lessons
250 lessons

You should not take your child on holiday in term time. Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.

Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Mr Stuart Clark (Horizon Academy Trust Attendance Lead) has also asked that we share with you the following information relating to the attendance fines.

PER PARENT, PER CHILD

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines

FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

5 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF TERM TIME LEAVE

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

10 SESSIONS OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10 WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period

Please note one session is either a morning or an afternoon session, 10 sessions is equal to 5 school days.

SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'

Please be aware that home visits will be made by the school attendance team if pupils are not in school and there is no holiday application form or supporting evidence.



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Keeping Our Children Safe

Information for Parents about Benedict's Law



What is Benedict's Law?

Benedict's Law (named after a young boy who sadly lost his life to a food allergy) requires schools to take extra care to protect children with severe allergies. It helps ensure that schools have the right policies, training and resources in place to keep all pupils safe.

We are fully prepared at East Park Primary School

We take food allergies very seriously and have put robust measures in place to keep our pupils safe:



Staff trained

All staff receive regular allergy and anaphylaxis training.



Sufficient equipment

We have the necessary equipment, including emergency medication, clearly labelled and easily accessible in school.



Safe environment

We follow strict procedures for food handling, supervision and managing allergies throughout the school.



Ongoing support

We work closely with families and healthcare professionals to meet individual needs.



How you can help

To support our allergy-safe environment, please **do not** send any of the following items in your child's lunch or snacks:



Nutella



Any foods with nuts

(including peanut, tree nuts and nut products)



Eggs

(and egg products)

Thank you for your support
Together we can keep all our children safe and healthy.

