

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It was lovely to welcome all of our children back to Victoria Park today. They looked fantastic coming through the doors this morning and it was wonderful to see the school building busy, lively and full of smiling faces again.

For those I have not yet had the opportunity to meet, my name is Jonathan Bleakley and I am delighted to be beginning the new school year as Principal of Victoria Park Primary School. I am very much looking forward to working alongside our children, staff, parents and wider school community in the months and years ahead.

This letter contains just a few important reminders and pieces of information for the coming days, so please take a moment to read through these when you can.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and I hope all of our children have had a very happy first day back.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Bleakley
Principal

AUGUST ARRANGEMENTS

Please remember that school will finish at the normal times on Thursday and Friday this week. P2-P3 will finish at 2:00pm on both days, while P4-7 will finish at 3:00pm on Thursday and 2:10pm on Friday.

All pupils will require a packed lunch on Thursday and Friday this week as school dinners are not available.

School will be closed for the bank holiday on Monday 31st August, and will reopen as normal on Tuesday 1st September. From this point onwards, normal finishing times will apply. Please remember that school begins at 08:55 each morning.

HEALTHY BREAK

At Victoria Park we try to promote a whole school approach to our children's nutrition and healthy eating. We do this in a number of ways, including our healthy break policy. **Pupils will be allowed to bring fruit, yoghurt, crackers or cheese for a breaktime snack.** As this is only their break snack, please be aware of the size of break you are sending in.



Please note that cereal bars are not permitted due to the likelihood of cross contamination with nuts. We would ask for your help in promoting this healthy approach to pupil wellbeing, by only sending in one of the four items for breaktime. We are an Allergy Aware School and would ask you to remember that nuts and/or products containing nuts or traces of these are not permitted in school at any point.

Children are also welcome to bring in a still bottle of water for their desk. Should you have any queries regarding our healthy break policy, please speak to your child's teacher.

SEESAW



We will be using the Seesaw app again this year as our primary means of communication between home and school. This will include digital messages from the teachers, updates on your child's work and all letters and information we issue will be done so digitally. Your child's class teacher will be sending home a QR code invitation over the course of the next few days. Please ensure that you download the Seesaw app and attach your account to your child's profile using the QR code. Seesaw account sign in details can be reset by clicking the 'I forgot my password' box within the app. For more information on how to use Seesaw, please visit: <https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-gb/sections/4525957299597-Getting-Started-for-Families>.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS – SAVE THE DATE

We are delighted to invite all parents and guardians to our upcoming Parent Information Sessions on **Wednesday 9th September, from 4:00-4:45pm**. These important sessions will provide an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, hear about the routines and expectations for the year ahead and find out more about the learning, key dates and other important information for your child's class. Further details will follow in the coming weeks.

SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners will be available in school from Tuesday, 1st September. These will cost £3.10 for those not entitled to Free School Meals. School dinners must be booked in advance on the cashless booking system, which should be back up and running for Tuesday 1st September. For more information or help and support, contact the school office.

UNIFORM

We are aware that some parents are finding it difficult to get hold of the school PE kit. In the meantime, a plain light blue t-shirt and plain navy short are acceptable to allow the children to take part. Please remember that children will also need a pair of PE shoes.

As always if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in contact with the school office or with your child's teacher, through the Seesaw app.