

Park View Primary School

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Thursday 27 August 2026

Tuesday 1 September
INSET Day

**Wednesday
2 September**
Children's first day back
at school

INSET Days 2026-2027
Friday 23 October 2026
Monday 4 January 2027
Thursday 25 March 2027
Wednesday 21 July 2027

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break.

As we prepare for the start of a new academic year, we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to Park View Primary School. We would also like to extend a particularly warm welcome to the children and families joining our school community for the first time this year.

Over the summer, our dedicated site and cleaning teams have worked incredibly hard to ensure the school is ready for the new term. My sincere thanks go to Mrs Skipp, Mr Chaffe and all of our cleaning staff for their hard work and commitment in making the school look its very best. We are also delighted that our Key Stage 2 pupils will return to newly refurbished toilet facilities, providing a brighter, more modern space for our children.

We are excited to welcome everyone back and look forward to a successful and happy year ahead.

Best wishes,

Mrs Owens

Benedict's Law

Benedict's Law comes into effect on **1 September 2026**, and we would like to reassure you that Park View Primary School has taken all necessary steps to ensure that we are fully prepared to meet the requirements of this important legislation.

The safety, health and wellbeing of our pupils are always our highest priorities. Benedict's Law has been introduced to improve the protection and support available to children who experience severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis), and we fully support its aims.

To ensure that our school is ready for implementation, we are taking the following actions:

- All members of staff have received updated training in recognising and responding to anaphylaxis.
- All members of staff have received updated training in the safe and effective use of Adrenaline Auto-Injectors (AAIs).
- We have reviewed and updated our allergy management procedures and emergency response plans.
- We will continue to work closely with parents, carers and healthcare professionals to support pupils with known allergies.

In accordance with the new requirements, the school will also hold spare Adrenaline Auto-Injectors (AAIs) on site. These devices may be used in an emergency if:

- A child's prescribed AAI is unavailable, misplaced or inaccessible.
- A child's prescribed AAI is found to be faulty or out of date.
- A child who has not previously been diagnosed with anaphylaxis displays signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, and immediate treatment is considered necessary.

As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe environment for all pupils, we would also like to remind parents and carers that **food containing nuts must not be brought onto the school site**. This includes items such as peanuts, tree nuts and products that contain nuts as ingredients. While we cannot guarantee a completely nut-free environment, this precaution helps to reduce the risk of accidental exposure for children with severe allergies, and we appreciate your support in helping us keep all pupils safe.

As always, if your child has a diagnosed allergy, it remains essential that you continue to provide the school with up-to-date medical information, medication and care plans, and that any changes to your child's medical needs are communicated to us as soon as possible.

We hope this information provides reassurance that our school is committed to creating a safe environment for all pupils and is taking proactive steps to ensure compliance with Benedict's Law.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss your child's allergy management arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Attendance: Every Day Counts

You may have seen over the summer lots of discussion in the news about new information and expectations around school attendance.

Our message as a school is simple: good attendance matters. Children need to be in school regularly to learn, build friendships, develop confidence and experience everything that school life has to offer. We want every child to have the best possible opportunity to achieve their potential and be happy and settled at school.

This year, we will be monitoring attendance even more closely. Where we see attendance beginning to dip or patterns emerging, we will communicate with you early, listen to any concerns and work with you to identify what support may be needed. We will keep you well informed about your child's attendance throughout the year.

At the same time, we will continue to have high expectations for attendance. When we challenge attendance, it is never about being difficult or simply enforcing a rule. It is because we genuinely believe that every day matters. Children only get one opportunity to experience their primary school years, and they deserve to be here to learn, make friends, join in, have fun and experience all that school life brings.

Smartphone Free Schools – New Rules from September 2026

From September 2026, Park View Primary School will become a **smartphone-free school**. Children will no longer be permitted to bring smartphones onto the school site. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 who need a phone for travelling to and from school may bring a basic "**brick phone**", which allows calls and texts but does not have internet access.

This change forms part of a growing movement across schools to support children's wellbeing, safety and healthy development. Smartphones can expose children to risks such as social media pressures, online bullying, inappropriate content and excessive screen time. By reducing access to smartphones during the primary years, we hope to encourage more face-to-face interaction, physical activity, positive mental wellbeing and the opportunity for children to enjoy their childhood free from many of the challenges associated with online life.

To help keep devices safe and to ensure consistency, any **brick phones brought into school must still be handed to a member of staff at the start of the school day and collected at the end of the day**. Phones should not be kept on children during school hours.

We appreciate the support shown by our families as we introduce this important change. Together, we can help create an environment where children are free to learn, play, build friendships and thrive without the distractions and risks that smartphones can bring.

WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away. The following members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leads for Park View Primary School:

*Mrs Danielle Owens

*Mrs Lucy Hollyman

Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Jackie Skipp

They can be contacted through the school office via email (adminoffice@parkviewprimary.hants.sch.uk) or telephone on 01256 322616

For a copy of our school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, please visit our school website or ask at the school office.

Meet Our SENCo

At Park View, we believe every child deserves to feel valued, included and successful in their learning. Our SEND provision is built on high-quality inclusive teaching and a commitment to helping every child reach their full potential. **Miss Grace Fletcher** is our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo). She works closely with children, families, staff and external agencies to ensure pupils with additional needs receive the support they need to thrive.

Please contact Miss Fletcher through the school office or by email at senco@parkviewprimary.hants.sch.uk.

You can also find a range of helpful information, guidance and resources on the **SEND** section of our school website, including support for specific needs, useful services and answers to common questions.



Family Support Worker

Hello, my name is Mrs Clare Sharp and I am the Family Support Worker at Park View Primary School.

I can offer emotional support and practical help to families experiencing short or long-term difficulties, as well as guidance to appropriate agencies, services and support groups. There is also a range of helpful information, resources and signposting available on the Family Support Worker page of the school website, which can be found under the Parents section.

Please feel free to contact the school if you would like to speak with me, or email me at

familysupportworker@parkviewprimary.hants.sch.uk. I am here to help and support you and your **family whenever needed**.

