

Friday 4th September 2026



Newsletter



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Welcome

A Warm Welcome!

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year, with all of our children and young people returning with big smiles and looking extremely smart in their school uniforms. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to PCA and to see our school community together again.

We would also like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new pupils and staff who have joined the PCA family. They have all made a fantastic start, and we are really looking forward to working with them throughout the year.

It has been wonderful to see such a positive start to the new term. Attendance has been excellent, pupils have arrived ready to learn and the behaviour and attitudes across school have been fantastic. Thank you to all of our children, young people, families and staff for helping us to make such a positive start to the year.

There is also lots of exciting work taking place across school, including the development of our Stables building. We are incredibly excited to see this project progressing and are hopeful that we will be able to open the building after half term. We can't wait to share this fantastic new space with everyone and see the opportunities it will provide for our pupils.

We would also like to let families know that Mrs Hughes is currently absent from school due to a family emergency. During her absence, Miss Gardiner will be taking on the role of Acting Head, working closely with the Senior Leadership Team to ensure that school continues to run smoothly and that our children and young people remain at the heart of everything we do.

We are all looking forward to another successful year at PCA, working together to support our children and young people to be the very best that they can be.

As always, our door is open. If you have any questions, concerns or simply want to talk to us about anything, please don't ever worry - just get in touch.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school.

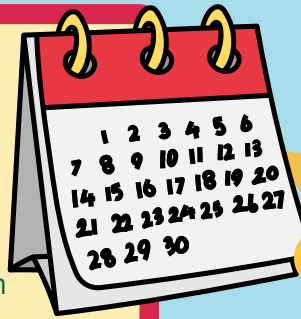
Dates for your diary

16th September - Meet the Class Team

25th September - World Dream 'PJ' Day

23rd October - School Closes for half term

2nd November - School Opens



Congratulations

to

1H, 2B, 2D, 2H, 2M, 2R, 2S,
3C, 3O, 3R, 4H, 4M,
5B, 5J and 5M for 100%
attendance this week.

Whole school
attendance 95.3%

This week our sign
and symbol of the
week is 'Hi' and
'Goodbye'.



We would like to say
'Hi' to all our new
Staff members and
new pupils joining
us this year.



Free School Meals

Please make sure that
if your child is now in
Year 3 or has just
started PCA that you
have applied for Free
School meals if you are
eligible. You can do this
by visiting

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

If you have already
applied since June 2026
then please do not apply
again.

Payments are to be
made on Parent pay or
by card at the school
office. If you need
login details for Parent
pay then please contact
the office.



 Studybugs



Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence

A quick and secure way to report absence due
to illness and send messages to school.



School drop off and pick up

Drop Off:

The school day starts at 08:50am, please be aware that the school car park gates will be open until 8:50 am each morning. At this time they will be closed for 15 minutes to ensure that all children that arrive on minibuses can enter the school safely. Therefore no one should arrive on school site before 8:30am.

Pick up:

Our school carpark gates will also be closed from 3:05pm to allow children to safely exit the site. Please do not arrive on site before 2:45pm.



Welcome!

to our new pupils at PCA.

Key stage 1

Hunter - 1H
Carmelo - 1H
Cain-William - 1H
Cruz - 1H
Logan - 1H
Ophelia - 1H
Tom - 1H
Lottie - 1H
Max - 1H
Tommy - 1H
Harlow - 1W
Elias - 1W
Luna - 1W
Lea - 1W
Kian - 1W
Khalid - 1W
Ropa - 1W
Elias - 1W
Kingsleigh - 1N

Key Stage 2

Jack - 2D
Jaxon - 2S

Key Stage 3

Crystal - 3W
Oliver - 3S
Destiny - 3S
Bailey - 3S
Tahmeed - 3S
Tommy - 3S
Mo - 3S
Darius - 3S
Philippa - 3H
Libby - 3J
Zachary - 3J
Liam - 3J
Alicja - 3J
Harvey - 3J
Charlie - 3J
TJ - 3W
Scarlett - 3W
Kyle - 3W
Katya - 3W
Thomas - 3W

Key Stage 4

Lamia - 4M

Key Stage 5

Alexander - 5J
Eve - 5J
Matthew - 5B
Amelia - 5J





Park Community Academy School Uniform.



School Uniform

Our Uniform for Primary and Secondary Pupils consists of a

- Navy Jumper or Cardigan with PCA logo,
- Navy or white polo with PCA logo or without,
- Black or dark grey trousers, skirt or shorts (Optional for Summer)

It is very useful to have a bag and PCA logo book bags are available to buy from school if your child would like one.

In Year 7 pupils also have the option to wear a black blazer with PCA logo, white shirt and a green and blue tie.

In Year 11 pupils wear a maroon jumper or cardigan.

Sixth Form pupils can wear their own clothes.

Jumpers, cardigans, polos, ties, book bags, and blazer badges can be purchased from the school office. All payments are to be made on Parent pay.

PCA also operate a Uniform Swap Shop where good quality second hand items can be purchased for £1 an item .

Children are expected to wear full school uniform every day. Full PE kits should be in school on PE days. Please check with your child's class teacher when their PE day is.



Shoes

Healthy feet are very important, therefore all children should wear safe, sensible and weather appropriate black shoes. No trainers are to be worn unless it is for a PE lesson. Shoes must be ALL black.



PE Kits

The PE kit consists of

- A pair of black shorts,
- A red polo shirt with PCA logo,
- A pair of sport socks,
- Black pumps or trainers.

Jewellery

Our PCA policy on jewellery is that pupils may wear one single stud in each ear. Necklaces, rings etc should not be worn. Pupils may wear a wristwatch however NOT apple/smart watches which are linked to a mobile device.

Swimming

If your child is having swimming lesson or at swimming club they will need a one-piece swimming costume and towel in a named bag.

Labeling clothes

Please ensure all items of uniform are marked with your child's name, using a waterproof pen or sewn-on labels. This is so they can be easily identified.



Welcome To Our New Staff Members



*Miss Thomas
Teacher*



*Mr Simpson
Teacher*



*Miss Oldfield
Teacher*



*Miss Bradlow
Teacher Assistant*



*Miss Bonnell
Teacher Assistant*



*Miss Bradshaw
Teacher Assistant*



*Miss Watmough
Teacher Assistant*



*Miss Davey
Teacher Assistant*



*Miss Drover
Teacher Assistant*



*Miss Kay
Teacher Assistant*



*Miss Urmson
Teacher Assistant*



*Miss Nicholson
ATA*



*Miss Rainey-Gibson
ATA*



*Miss Walmsley
ATA*

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. The aim should be to attend 100% of the time.

What can you do to help to improve attendance?

In order to enable children and young people to achieve their full potential:

- Check the school day and school calendar in advance
- Actively encourage regular school attendance
- Communicate with the school immediately to resolve any concerns or worries, rather than keep your child off school.

Routines

The easiest way to ensure that your child attends school on time every day is to establish a good evening and morning routine.

If mornings are hectic in your household, prepare as much as possible the night before.

Punctuality

Our school day starts at 8.50am
Parents are legally responsible for ensuring their child attends school on time every day.

Medical Appointments

Where possible, make medical appointments outside of school hours. Where this is not possible, the amount of school time missed must be kept to a minimum.

Did you know?

10 minutes late
everyday = 33 hours
lost learning each
year!



Holidays in term time

Due to government legislation Park Community Academy can not authorise any holiday in term time unless it is for exceptional circumstances. Family holidays should be taken during school holidays. If, in exceptional circumstances, you need to request permission for a family holiday during term time, you should complete an application form, at least two weeks in advance, stating clearly the reason why the holiday must be taken in term time and outlining the social and educational benefits to your child. However please be aware that the law states that the need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure or recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Therefore, although some pupils face more complex barriers to attendance, such as long-term health conditions and/or special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Their right to education is the same as any other pupil hence our attendance ambition remains the same.



Too ill to attend school?

Children can attend school with minor ailments (tooth ache, head ache, stomach ache, cold, sore throat). Over the counter medicines can be given before school. PCA will always contact you if your child becomes too ill to stay in school.

If you are unsure how long your child should be absent from school with an illness, speak to the school staff or your doctor for advice.

Persistent absence

Although we encourage all pupils to attend every day, our school attendance target is 95%.

Below 90% attendance is classed as persistent absence.

When pupils are at risk of persistent absence parents/carers will be invited to an attendance surgery where our family team will actively support the family regarding attendance.



Pupil Welfare

PCA work closely with a Pupil Welfare Officer (PWO) if a pupil's attendance becomes a concern.

The PWO works with PCA and families to help raise attendance levels for individual pupils to ensure that they can access a good education. PWOs help to identify and remove barriers which may be preventing a child receiving education.

Reporting an absence

If your child will be absent from school, it is the parent/carers responsibility to inform the school as soon as possible either through the school office or the Studybugs app. If you do not get in touch PCA staff will contact home on the first day a pupil is absent. We will also work closely with you to support your child's attendance if further absences occur.



Penalty Notices

Following the guidance from the Department for Education (Working together to improve school attendance (19/8/2024))

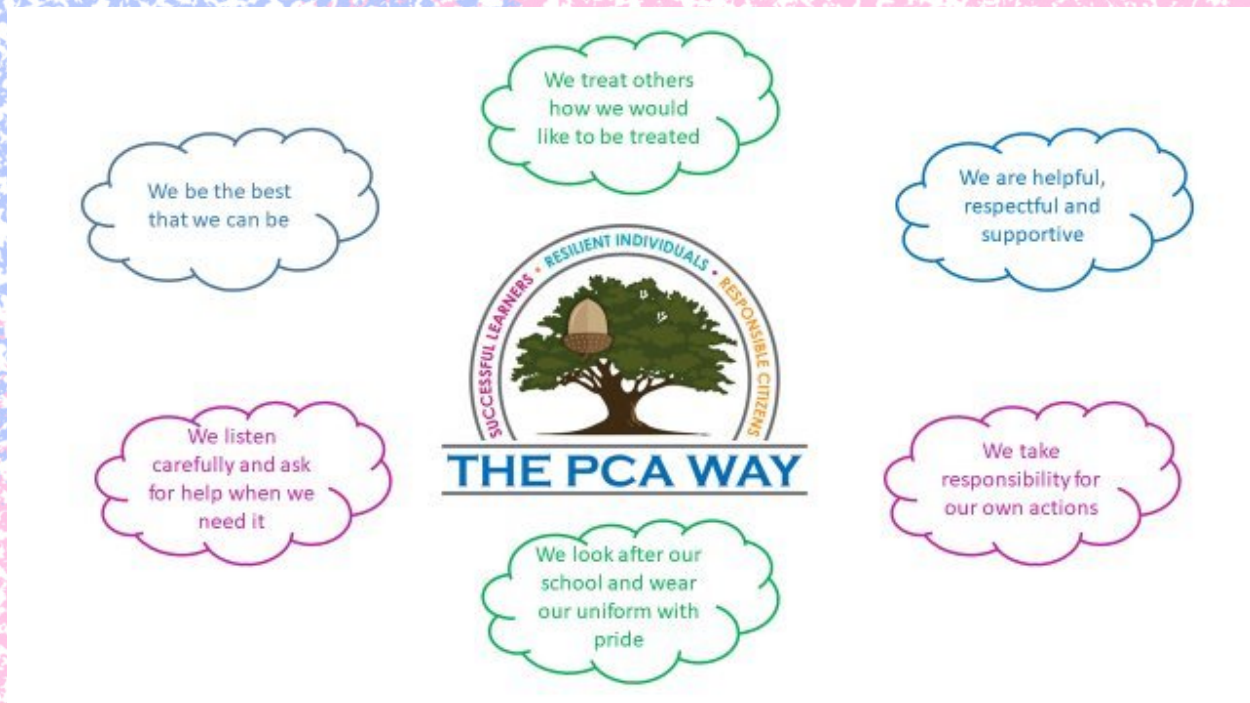
Penalty notices issued for offences that take place at a rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.

Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.

The threshold at which a penalty notice must be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.



"At PCA our aim is to enable our young people to become Successful Learners, Resilient Individuals and Responsible Citizens. To support this to happen we ALL follow our ethos of expectations known as 'The PCA way' at the appropriate level. "



Use of Restrictive Interventions including the use of reasonable force

Staff at Park Community Academy have undertaken a nationally recognised 'positive behaviour support' training programme.

This focuses on escalation techniques and communication strategies to manage challenging behaviour effectively. However, when a child has lost self-control there may be occasions where staff will use restrictive intervention methods designed to keep children safe from any further harm. These Physical interventions are carried out within the legal guidance set by the Department of Education.

In line with this guidance parents/carers will always be informed if this type of intervention has taken place.