



West Park

'A caring school where we put pupils and their achievement first'

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Dear West Park Families

Welcome back to West Park!

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer and that you are looking forward to starting the new year at our school.

Staff have been in school on Thursday 4th September and Friday 5th September. This has allowed us to dust off the cobwebs, re-set our body clocks and remind ourselves of how to speak lucidly in front of an audience. It certainly isn't only the pupils who struggle to get back into the routine after a long summer break!

All pupils should be on site by 8.25 a.m. on Monday 8th September to start the new term. Our new Year 7 cohort should assemble on the Astroturf area, where they will be met by members of staff who will take them to their form room. All pupils will start the day with form time to go through their timetables and to clarify expectations for the new school year. Pupils need to be in school to learn and we are relying on our amazing families to get our children back into school for their first week back.

Pupils who miss a day or more during the first week, are more likely to be persistently absent, missing out on numerous learning opportunities compared to their peers. Persistent absenteeism is classed as pupils who attend for less than 90% of the time available. This is at least 19 ½ days a year; over a year of schooling across their educational journey.

We want to have your children here so that we can work with you to provide support, learning and guidance to allow them to achieve their potential.

Our children are our greatest asset. Let's work together to give them another brilliant year at West Park!

Take care and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kind regards

Scott McGregor
Head