

Headteacher's Message



I was delighted to be appointed as Headteacher at Meadow Park School earlier this year, as many of you know I have been a teacher here at Meadow Park for many years.

From my experience, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together. As parents and carers, you make an important contribution to your children's achievements, and I'm excited to continue to build on the relationship between you and the school. I am looking forward to September and the challenges the new academic year will bring.

Kind Regards

Ms Cleary

School Absences

Please inform us if your child is unwell and cannot attend school on their first day of absence, it is extremely important that you contact the school office and provide a reason. The number to call
0151 477 8959



Welcome to our newsletter

Inside you will find pictures and stories from the last few months. There are some useful links to information help and guidance.

We will be sending a newsletter at the end of every term so you can keep up to date with what has been happening for the students in both our primary and secondary setting.

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Central Collaboration Celebration Awards

As you may be aware, your school is part of a wider collaborative group of 23 schools in central Knowsley. We work closely together on a range of school improvement, staff development and curriculum activities and see ourselves as a close knit and supportive group.

This year, once again, we are celebrating the achievement of some of our pupils within our collaborative through a special Collaborative Celebration Event.

The event was held on Tuesday 11th July



Michael I, Year 5 & Tia, Year 11 - Curriculum Champions

Michael C - Year 5 & Lewis, Year 9 - Sporting Legends

Harry, Year 11 - Stem Star

Daniel Year 10, Matthew Year 8 & , Zeke Year 2 - School Special Achievement Awards



Attendance

information and Guidance

At Meadow Park we have a very strong stance on good attendance and regular attendance is expected. Children cannot succeed if they are absent from lessons, and it is a legal obligation for parents to ensure that their child attends every day. It is vital that your child **aims for 100% attendance**. The reasons for this are: Pupils learn best and receive the most from school when they are there. It is important to avoid missing valuable lesson time and falling behind. Employers / Colleges also place great emphasis on consistent attendance and good punctuality. Registers are completed electronically both in the morning (9am) and in the afternoon. If your child is ill and unable to attend the school, please contact us as soon as possible. Medical evidence must be provided if your child is absent for more than three days. Unless the school has already been notified every morning of absence, parents will receive a phone call or text message. When leaving a message that your child is going to absent, please let us know the reason. You may receive a phone call from the Attendance Team for more information. School will decide whether the absence will be authorised. Truancy from school or failure to provide a reason for absence will result in the school coding the absence as unauthorised. This in turn could lead to the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice (£60 per parent), rising to £120 if not paid within 21 days. If this is not paid, this could result in the Authority commencing proceedings in the Magistrates Court for the offence of poor attendance.

PUNCTUALITY
IF ANY OF THESE SOUND FAMILIAR THEN IT'S TIME TO FIX YOUR TIMEKEEPING!

My alarm clock exploded and I slept through it. I was abducted by aliens - look I've got a note to prove it! I'm fairly sure school starts at 10:00 - maybe I'm early? The bus driver got off at the stop before mine.

5 minutes late per day,
every day of the week adds up to **3 days** of lost school time.

10 minutes = 6.5 days lost per school year	15 minutes = 10 days lost per school year	20 minutes = 13 days lost per school year	30 minutes = 19 days lost per school year
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WHAT TO DO THE NIGHT BEFORE

- Get everything you need for school ready.
- Set your alarm with plenty of time to spare.
- If you bring your lunch to school - make it now.
- Turn off electronic devices 30mins before sleep.
- If you use your phone before bed download a blue light filter app to look after your eyes.
- Remember that people aged 11 - 16 need 8 - 10 hours of sleep!

WHAT TO DO IN THE MORNING

- Get out of bed as soon as your alarm goes off.
- Have a shower first thing - it will wake you up!
- Have a nutritional, but quick, breakfast. Fruit, toast and healthy cereals are perfect and will give you enough energy to last to lunch time.
- Keep an eye on the clock and don't waste time.
- If you wait for friends, don't wait if they are late.
- If you're late - don't make excuses - we've heard them all before and honesty works much better!

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Holidays During Term Time

Parents must not take students on holiday during term time and the school will not grant permission for this. A Fixed Penalty Notice will be issued for any holiday during term time.

“Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances” (Department of Education 2013)



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Attendance

This term we held competitions both for secondary and primary



And the Winner is...

Thomas - Year 5 - Class Thrive with his winning poster.

100%

Grace - Year 8

Mathew - Year 8

Both students achieved 100% attendance this half term



Try a Trade Session

ISG try a trade session was a huge success and the students really performed well. They were so complimentary about our students and enjoyed the session themselves.

They told us all about their involvement with Jaguar Land Rover as their builders of their new plant for the electric vehicles.

The school has now got to design a car or factory of the future, the winner will be chosen and all the students are to sign it and take it to the next session which is a visit to the Jaguar Land Rover site and factory on 13th July for it to be buried in a time capsule on the site.



The Adventures of Class Courage

Class Courage go out to explore the local area and beyond, they have visited lots of local attractions including Crosby Marina, Hale Village, Ingleton Falls, lots of country parks and museums, here are just a few of the pictures we have taken on our travels!





Knowsley Libraries have partnered with the [Good Things Foundation](#), to offer SIM cards to those who are experiencing data poverty.

The [National Databank scheme](#) is supported by UK mobile networks Vodafone, O2 and Three, and offers vital connections for anyone cut off from the basic daily activities most people take for granted, such as accessing services online, preparing for a job interview, finding essential health information online or indeed keeping in touch with loved ones.

If you're a Knowsley resident and meet the eligibility criteria listed below, then visit your local library to pick up a free SIM card.

Eligibility criteria

To be able to receive data through the National Databank you must:

- Be 18+ years old
- And be from a low-income household

You must also qualify in one of the following statements:

- Have no access or insufficient access to the internet at home
- Have no or insufficient access to the internet when away from the home
- Cannot afford their existing monthly contract or top up

A person can have access to data for up to 12 months and we are unable to guarantee that the SIM cards will be compatible with all devices.

Find your nearest library:

Halewood Library - The Halewood Centre, Roseheath Drive, Halewood, L26 9UH.

Huyton Library - Civic Way, Huyton, L36 9GD.

Kirkby Library - Norwich Way, Kirkby, L32 8XY.

Prescot Library - The Prescot Centre, Prescot Shopping Centre, Aspinall Street, Prescot, L34 5GA.

Stockbridge Library - The Withens, Stockbridge Village, L28 1AB.

Knowsley's libraries are open Monday to Friday 10am – 5pm and Saturday 10am – 1pm.

Online help and advice



Kooth is an online mental well-being website. 0203 984 9337 www.kooth.com

childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

Childline is a free, private and confidential service that you can access online and on the phone. They can provide help and support for people up to their 19th birthday. 0800 1111 / www.childline.org.uk

SAMARITANS

Samaritans is where you can access confidential emotional support at any time by calling 116 123 or emailing jo@samaritans.org www.samaritans.org

shout
for support in a crisis

Shout is a 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. Text 85258. www.crisistextline.uk



Police If you or somebody else is in danger, or it feels like a situation might get dangerous and you need support right away, click here to find out how to contact the police. www.police.uk



NHS Choices Mental health services are free on the NHS.

To get urgent medical help, use the NHS 111 online service, or call 111 if you're unable to get help online. For life-threatening emergencies, call 999 for an ambulance. www.nhs.uk

NHS Chathealth

If you are a parent of an 11-19 year old, the NHS have launched a Chat Health text message service on 07312 263291. This service is confidential and anonymous.

SEND Support

Please follow the link below to see what support is on offer to families in the community of children who may have additional needs or struggles. There are sessions on sleep management, sensory workshops, eating etc. so help is available in so many different ways.

<https://www.advancedsolutions.co.uk/news/newsletters>

Young Minds

Young Minds is a general mental health website

www.youngminds.org.uk

Report abuse **CEOP** help children stay safe online. If anybody acts inappropriately towards you or another child or young person online (such as sexual chat or being asked to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable); you can report it here.

www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre

Bullybusters is an anti-bullying initiative for children and young people. 0800 169 6928 /

www.bullybusters.org.uk

ESafety

Tips, guidance & advice to keep your child safe online

<https://www.familyeducation.com/mobile-apps/a-complete-guide-to-potentially-dangerous-apps-all-parents-should-be-aware-of>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/online-safety-guidance-for-parents/>

familyeducation

NSPCC

SWGfL
Safe, Secure, Online

Online help and advice



Childhood Bereavement Network

A website of resources to support children and young people who have suffered bereavement.

www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk



Winston's Wish

A website offering support for a child or young person around bereavement.

www.winstonswish.org



Hope Again

Resources for Children and Young People who suffered bereavement.

www.hopeagain.org.uk



The Good Grief Trust

A website that offers general advice about bereavement including the loss of a child.

www.thegoodgrieftrust.org/



The Compassionate Friends

A website that offers support for families who have lost a child. www.tcf.org.uk

**ENJOY THE
SUMMER**

Thank You



**SEE YOU IN
SEPTEMBER**

**School re-opens on
Thursday 7th
September**