

## PARKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

The Governors and I would like to thank you very much for your response to the parent survey we sent earlier this term. Your constructive feedback on how we can continue to improve is very helpful and key to a successful school.

We are very appreciative of the overwhelming support, particularly your positive comments about the relationships between staff and pupils and the range of subjects, clubs and activities on offer.

We are very pleased that the majority of you now find the school website much more useful and easier to navigate and that you appreciate being able to see your children's achievement points and homework via the app. We will continue to work on improvements on how we use this and communicate with you via the parent app and would appreciate your views on this as we proceed.

In response to some of the comments regarding the curriculum your children follow each term, can I please draw your attention to the website which has detailed descriptions of the content each year group studies in every subject, each term. This information can be found under the heading 'Year Group' if you are looking for information in just one year group, or under 'Curriculum' where you can read the entire curriculum from Year 5 to Year 8 in each subject. Here you will also find information regarding our Personal Development curriculum as well as our Careers programme, and Expressive Arts and STEM. Our Parkside News section is also updated regularly and is a great opportunity to see many of the children's achievements and activities happening in school each week.

We recognise how important it is for you to know how well your child is doing in school and so this term we were delighted that so many of you were able to attend our information evenings, where you also had the opportunity to meet your child's form tutor. For our parents evening, 3250 appointments were available to book and 441 of you attended 1771 of them to discuss your child's learning and progress. In January you will receive a mid-year report that details information regarding attainment in the core subjects as well as attitude to learning and homework across all areas of the curriculum. In March there will be another opportunity for you to discuss your child's learning and progress in our Spring parents' evenings and in the summer term you will receive your child's annual report.

As a school, we continually strive to ensure your children have the highest quality of education and in order to do this our communication and relationship with you is crucial. If you have any concerns, or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school where most of your queries can be answered successfully by speaking to a member of our school office staff. Contact can be made by telephone, email, in person at the school reception desk or by filling in our contact form on the website. If the school office staff are unable to deal with your query, you will be directed to the most appropriate member of staff- usually your child's class or subject teacher.

Many thanks for your ongoing support

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Mrs Mancini Headteacher



As a school we establish and maintain an environment where children feel secure, are listened to and encouraged to talk.

Parkside Middle School is committed to safeguarding and the PREVENT strategy and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Pupils learn to accept and uphold our fundamental British values.