

SCHOOL COUNCIL / MENTORS /
GARDENING CLUB

School Council

We are very proud of our School Council. The Council consists of a rep and a vice-rep from each form in the school (32 in total). Children are elected by their class and reps meet with the Headteacher once every half-term. They are involved in putting forward suggestions and liaising between staff and pupils. Our School Council continues to make a positive contribution to life at Parkfields.

Mentors

We have a group of older pupils who are trained each year as Mentors and support the Year 5 children in form times with a variety of social and academic activities. They are helpful role models and a friendly face for the Year 5s to go to.

Gardening Club

This group of children help keep Parkfields 'green' and are on a mission to keep the Parkfields 'footprint' as small as possible on our precious planet. The group meet each week and are involved in planting, recycling, gardening and energy saving projects.

PERIPATETIC LESSONS /
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Peripatetic Music Lessons

There is an opportunity for pupils to start to learn an instrument or to continue having instrumental lessons whilst they are at Parkfields. We offer lessons as part of the Inspiring Music provision on oboe, saxophone and all brass instruments. Our team of private teachers offer lessons on violin, viola and cello, keyboard and piano, drums, guitar (acoustic and electric) as well as flute, clarinet and voice. All lessons are for twenty minutes and pupils are part of a rotating timetable. Lessons will take place during the school day. For details of charges please contact the Head of Music.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Parkfields has a strong reputation for sport, drama and music and offers a comprehensive extra-curricular programme for all pupils who wish to participate. We strongly believe that this additional provision helps promote children's positive self esteem.

The activities do vary and a timetable is published at the beginning of each term, giving full details of times, venue and supervision. We benefit from excellent links with local sports partnerships and coaching expertise, with our children regularly enjoying playing fixtures and entering tournaments throughout the year.

Should a sports fixture be cancelled, the school will endeavour to inform parents as best as possible via text alert.

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"to flourish, learn & grow"

COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS/CARERS

We look forward to getting to know you and your family: we value our strong partnership with parents/carers as a vital factor in making your child's time with us as happy, fulfilling and successful as possible. If, at any time, you have a concern, however small you consider it to be, please contact your child's Form Teacher. The Form Teacher is responsible for the pastoral welfare of each child in their class and is therefore recognised as the keystone of the pastoral system. The Head of Year oversees the whole year group, co-ordinating a team of staff with help and support in certain areas.

Parkfields warmly invites parents/carers to take an active part in the life of the school and children's learning.

We provide opportunities for this in a variety of ways:

- the school planner should help your child to become more organised. If parents/carers view it regularly, it will enhance home-to-school and school-to-home communication
- supporting the Parkfields Parents' Association "Friends of Parkfields" (FoP)
- attending information evenings on a range of curriculum matters

- attending parents' consultation evenings
- reading and signing exercise books regularly through the year
- sharing in your child's enjoyment and achievements by attending celebratory events e.g. concerts, sports day, fixtures and productions
- supporting and encouraging your child with homework and enrichment

To keep you up to date there are weekly e-mails to parents/carers from the Heads of Years, half-termly newsletters and curriculum outlines for each year group. Information can also be found on the Learning Platform.

The most effective communication is the weekly Head of Year e-mail. To ensure you receive your weekly e-mail, sent on behalf of your child's Head of Year, please make sure that you complete your email address(es) on the contact card in the pupil planner and, in addition notify us of any changes.

GOVERNORS / FOP

Governors

The Governing Body is comprised of parents, staff and members of the community. They work in a strategic role with the staff as 'critical friends' to monitor all aspects of the school's life: its ethos, curriculum, teaching, sports, arts, staffing, finance, premises, quality of school dinners, plus plenty more areas of school life. It's a great way to get involved at Parkfields. If you are interested in becoming a Governor at Parkfields take a look at our Governing Body Brochure No.8.

The Friends of Parkfields (FoP)

Every parent/carer who has a child at the school is considered a member of the 'Friends'. Help with organising or volunteering to assist at fund raising events is always welcome. One of the most important ways you can support as a 'Friend' and a parent/carer is to come along to as many events as possible and enjoy yourself.

A varied programme is organised, ranging from ladies pamper evenings to quizzes that the whole family can take part in. All of the fundraising activities provide valuable extra income for the school, or enhance the school experience in other ways. Involvement in any capacity is always welcome. Please contact us if you would like to volunteer to help.