



# Wombwell Park Street Primary School

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## RE: Welcome back to Park Street 2019-20!

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the academic year 2019-20! The Park Street team hope you have had a good holiday time together as families. All of the children have been amazing this week – so eager to be at school and to begin learning in their next class, with their new TEAM. They have all looked incredibly smart, followed school rules very well and had big smiles on their faces...what more could we ask for?

### Developments at school:

Our school has been painted throughout the Summer and now looks like brand new. The children are following the golden rule 'look after property' well and respecting our new re-paint! We are developing our corridor spaces, our entrance and hoping to have one or two new additions in the form of school pets for our teams to look after this year – watch this space (or listen to updates from your children)! We have also had a safeguarding security system fitted in school, making it even safer in school for the children.

### Library:

We have been working on our library area in the middle of school for a while now, trying to develop our library system, to ensure that it looks super appealing to the children but also is an efficient use of space with excellent book resources. We are hoping for every child to have a reading book by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**...a little later than usual, but we are still overhauling the books and purchasing new ones to engage the children! Miss Baxter and Miss McGinnes will be holding a library drop in for any parents and children from 3.15-4pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019, for you to drop in, take a look at the new library and review our new selection of books. You can get a better understanding of how it will work (age related books not book banded) and explore the books with your children. In the meantime, please keep reading at home with your child.

### Water Bottles:

As a school we always promote a healthy lifestyle and really welcome children coming to school with water to drink during the day. It keeps them hydrated and also helps them concentrate on their learning more, enabling them to take in more new information. Please try to ensure your child has a clear water bottle with fresh water in each day. Park Street bottles are on sale at the main school office for £1.20, should you require one.

### Lost Property:

Last academic year, we had so many items in our lost property that were never re-united with their owners. To avoid this please ensure that all your child's school clothing (uniform, coats, shoes, bags etc.), are clearly labelled with their name and class. That way, if they go astray, we can clearly see who they belong to and ensure that they are returned to their owner. Any unnamed lost property will be kept in boxes in the reception area. Parents are very welcome to look through these but please put things back tidily afterwards in the boxes provided and show our children examples of how to be neat and look after things properly.

### Parking:

As you all know, ironically, parking at Park Street can sometimes be an issue! As always we politely request that you park within the vicinity of Park Street School with respect for local businesses, companies and residents. We have already had a complaint in to school this term regarding this and ask for families to park cautiously, particularly on the Hallam Close and Poplar Road areas. On occasions residents have not been able to get off their own drives, to get to work etc. Whilst we accept the situation is difficult, please try your best to park with respect and care for the children and families of our community. Please also be aware that

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the residential home opposite the school on Park Street monitors parking. Should you need access via the gate due to disabilities, please contact Mrs C Turner, Office Manager.

#### Staffing:

As most of you will be aware, we have had a few new staff join our team this September. We welcome Mrs S Sykes and Miss C Stuart as Teaching Assistants, adding capacity in Year 5 and Year 3 / 4. Also, we welcome Mrs B Armstrong and Miss L Hall to our SMSA dinner staff team.

As well as this, Mr D Wall will be leaving our school on Friday! Mr Wall has been a real credit to Park Street since 2013 and I know the children, staff and parents will be sad to see him go. He will be moving on to develop his own sporting business and will be back within the school soon to lead after school clubs as well as other schools and clubs within the local Barnsley area. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr Wall every bit of success as he moves forward in his career. Good luck and don't be a stranger! Thank you for all you have done!

Another little bit of exciting news is that Miss Baxter and Miss Garratt have both got engaged this summer holiday! Please join me in congratulating them and wishing them lots of luck planning their weddings!

#### Carol's Coffee Morning:

Our Parent Support Advisor, Mrs Carol Hitchens, runs a coffee morning each Friday, for any parents who would like to meet other parents and have a chat with them. They will be met by the support of the 'Friends of Park Street' parental group, from 8.50-10am. Please see the advert below:



**New School Parents**

**Some of us are crying,  
Teary-eyed and blue.  
Some of us are cheering,  
"I'm glad summers through!"**

**Whatever mood you're feeling,  
Stop by and stay awhile.  
We'll be here to greet you,  
With a cuppa and a smile!**

**Please join us for a Boohoo to Yahoo morning!**  
Every Friday morning from 8.50am in the Community Room

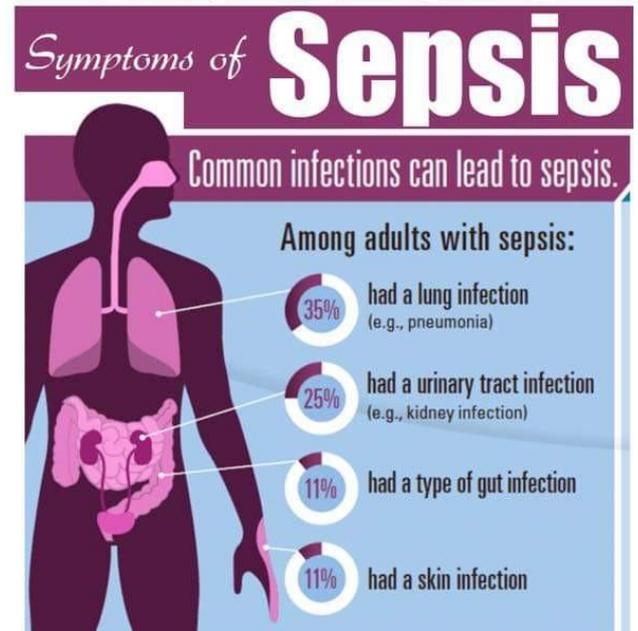
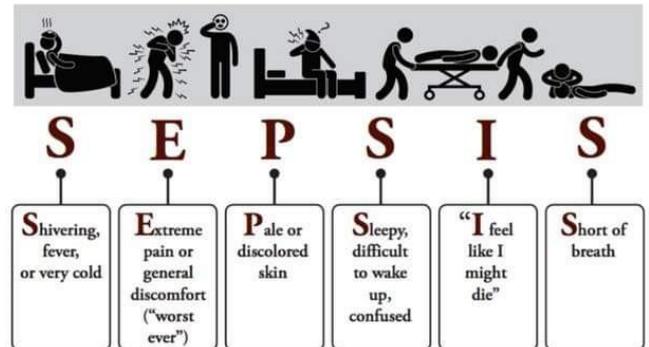
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## World Sepsis Day:

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019, our Park Street team will be celebrating World Sepsis Day. This is a cause that is very close to the hearts of the Park Street team as one of our staff members' family have personally been very deeply affected by this during this last year. The husband of Mrs Jane Hinds, one of our Year 6 Teaching Assistants, was very sadly taken in to hospital with Sepsis last December. Gary Hinds fought for his life in Barnsley Hospital for months, which was a horrendous time for the family, their friends and us as Jane's friends and colleagues. After numerous operations, much care, unbelievable dedication and love from his family, Gary is now pulling through and beginning to enjoy life again. Jane and Gary's children, Charlotte and Josh, are making their own attempts to raise awareness of Sepsis and to raise money to support people and families who are affected by this. The Park Street TEAM is of course wanting to help too! We are hoping to raise money for the worthy cause by means of a 'non-uniform day' (£1 donation from each child) and a bun sale (50p each). Any buns, which you would like to donate, can be brought in to the main school office by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, for us to sell to the school community on the Friday. Many thanks for your kind support on this matter and for working as a TEAM to support families who are affected by Sepsis. The Hinds family themselves are overwhelmed by our school's support and send their love and thanks.



The Park Street team look forward to working with you, as parents, during this Autumn term. Please keep an eye out on [www.wombwellparkstreet.co.uk](http://www.wombwellparkstreet.co.uk) for important upcoming dates on the run up to Christmas!

Wishing us all a happy Autumn term and should any of you have any issues, queries or questions, do not hesitate to contact school and one of our Senior Leaders will be happy to contact you to discuss.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Lawson  
Headteacher

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