



Victoria Park
Primary Academy

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Welcome back! We're delighted to have started this school year as safely and as 'normally' as possible. The children have come into school happily and eager to return to familiar routines.

Sharing the curriculum. New for this year, we've tried to share as much with families and children around curriculum, planned experiences and how to support learning at home. All year groups now have their own page on the website that has their long-term planning, spellings, home learning and advice for reading with families. Assembly dates and Inspire sessions are also scheduled here. Please take the time to look at these pages with your children: <https://victoriaparkacademy.org.uk/pupils/>

School day timings. Thank you for adapting to the updated school timings. The school gates will open from 8.40am, children must be in their classes ready to learn before the bell at **8.50am**. Any children arriving after this time should be taken to the school office to record. The end of day bell will sound at 3.15pm.

Healthy schools. We're committed to maintaining healthy snacks and lunches. If providing food from home, please refrain from sending chocolate, crisps and fast food. As part of the Poverty Proofing audit that we undertook in the Summer term, we're investigating if we can implement universal free breakfasts and breaktime fruit this year—we will keep you updated!

EYFS and Nursery expansion: Our new building is very nearly complete! We look forward to welcoming the first 'full-time' Nursery children into Victoria Park from next week. We've also been able to expand the playground area and will be adding a virtual shopping street, road markings and outdoor equipment throughout this term. If you would like to discuss accessing 15 or 30 hours of Nursery, please call the school office or see: <https://victoriaparkacademy.org.uk/join-us-2020/>



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Medicines in school: If your child requires ongoing medication that needs administering in school, please ensure that this is reported to the office and that we have an up to date emergency contact number logged.

Clubs: A small selection of our clubs have already been shared, we have more planned across the year. Please look out on Parentmail for information and to apply for a space.

Parent Volunteers and school access: We welcome the return to visitors in school. We especially look forward to inviting you back to class assemblies and our Challenge Outcomes throughout the year. **But we also need you!** We're looking for:

- Adults to listen to children read
- Adults to accompany classes on school trips
- Adults to work with staff on 'Poverty Proofing' the school day
- Adults to lead parent or community workshops
- Adults to support with school fairs and events
- Adults to maintain and manage the school garden space/allotment

All roles will be supported by staff in school, may require some training to be provided, or may be subject to DBS checks.

If you would like to offer your support, please get in touch with Mrs Mahal via the school office.

With best wishes
Mr Reed