



THE PREMIER ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome / Welcome Back

Welcome back to The Premier Academy, with a particular welcome to all parents joining us for the first time. Both new and existing children have settled in very comfortably and are working hard.

Please visit our website at www.tpamk.co.uk and ensure that you have downloaded our app to familiarise yourself with the Academy.

Attendance

With a busy term ahead it is important that your child attends the Academy every day and arrives on time. The Academy opens at 8:30am with registration starting at 8:50am. It is imperative that your child is settled in class by then to receive their attendance mark.

Secondary School Applications

If your child is in Year 6 they will be due to transfer to secondary school in September 2018. Online applications can be submitted from **4 September 2017**. Places are not issued automatically and an application must be submitted online or by post to Milton Keynes Council; the deadline is **Tuesday 31 October 2017**.

Open Days at Secondary Schools are taking place throughout September and October, so do ensure you take the opportunity to visit the schools you are considering applying for. Please note that if you are applying for a school outside of Milton Keynes this must be included in your application in the appropriate ranking. Please speak to the staff in the Atrium if you would like support with the process.

For more information on applying for Secondary Schools, please feel free to come into the Atrium and ask for Michelle or Collette.

Hot Meals

Please note that all hot meals must be paid for a week in advance and payment can be made through ParentMail or in the Atrium. Failure to pay on time could result in your child not receiving hot meals.

Job Opportunities

We currently have two vacancies to support children with their learning and emotional well-being on a 1:1 basis from 8.30am-3.15pm, term-time only. If you feel you could do a good job, or know someone who could, please register your interest with Susan in the HELPAS Hub.

Employment, Training and Careers' Event

On 13 September from 8.30am-10.30am, we will be hosting an event for parents who will be able to talk to some key local agencies and personnel offering support to parents in the areas of training and employment. Please come along and find out what support is out there. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the HELPAS Hub team.

Internet Hub Training (how to protect your little ones)

I have arranged for two sessions later in the term when you will be invited to attend a presentation on how to access your home hub and change the security settings. Many hubs allow for specific device blocking

and subject blocking. I quarantine my daughters' phones from any time I choose eg 10pm which prevents them using media devices beyond that time and permanently block sites referencing eating disorders, self-harm, pornography etc. More information will be communicated soon.

Autumn Book Fair And Dress-up Day

We are pleased to announce that the Book Fair will be with us from Thursday 14 September until Tuesday 19 September. The Book Fair will be open for parents and families to visit at the beginning and end of each day. Alternatively, you can send money in with your child and we will help them to choose during the day. The dress-up as your favourite book character day will be Friday 15 September.

Music Tuition 2017 – 2018

There are still places available for children wishing to learn a musical instrument this year. Children are eligible for music lessons from Year 2 and there are a variety of instruments available including keyboard, guitar, violin and a selection of brass and woodwind. Prices for lessons are £55 a term. For more information please ask in the Atrium or speak to Jonathan Harris.

Summer Uniform Reminder

Summer uniform can continue to be worn until further notice. Both boys and girls can wear tailored **grey** shorts and short sleeved shirts; ties and blazers are optional. Alternatively, girls can wear blue gingham summer dresses. Plain black or plain white sandals or canvas style deck shoes may also be worn, although not with long trousers.

Trainers are not permitted to be worn as uniform and leggings or trousers should not be worn under skirts or dresses.

Baybees and Nursery Places – September 2017

We are currently taking bookings at the Nursery for children who are eligible to join from September 2017. If you have a child aged three months or over and you would like them to join our Nursery, or your child already attends and you wish to increase their sessions for the new academic year, please speak to Sharon in the Atrium for more details.

Please note: spaces get booked very quickly and will be allocated on a first-come, first served basis.

Holiday Club

Holiday Club will be operating during the upcoming break, between **Monday 25 and Friday 29 September 2017**. To request a place for your child/ren at the Holiday Club please collect a booking form from the Atrium. The deadline to apply for a place is Friday 15 September.

Please be aware that places must be requested in advance and are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Booking requests received after this date, or once Holiday Club has commenced, are not guaranteed to be accommodated and confirmation is dependent on staff safety ratios.

All confirmed Holiday Club sessions will be invoiced and must be **paid for in full** by Thursday 21 September. Cancellations of pre-booked sessions will still be charged at the full price.

End of Learning Block 2

Finally we would like to remind you that the last day of Learning Block Two is **Friday 22 September**. We will be open as normal and will **close at 3.15pm**. The After School Club will run until 6.00pm.

We return to the Academy on **Monday 2 October** for a 3 week learning block up until **Friday 20 October**. Academy holiday dates for 2017 - 2018 can be collected from the Atrium or viewed online at www.tpamk.co.uk

Yours sincerely



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