



23rd July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your son/daughter have managed the final few weeks of a difficult and strange end of term for year 6. The disruptions caused by COVID and isolations have been challenging for all concerned.

It was a real shame that we haven't been able to formally welcome the majority of new starters in September as we had to cancel our usual transition days and the parental transition evening. I hope that the videos created by the Heads of House, new form tutors and the introductory online meetings with your tutors have helped you and your child to feel a part of Park School. These complemented our website videos created for the Open Evening back in September/October 2020.

The first day of the new academic year will be 08:45 on **Wednesday 8th September**. Year 7 will be the **only** year group in school on this day to support transition, students should make their way to the School Hall, staff will be on hand to direct and help students. Please note that your son/daughter will be provided with a school meal and therefore will not be required to bring food from home. Please can we ask you to wait until the first day of term to upload money to your child's dinner money account on MCAS to avoid any mismatched payments.

I have seen many parents calling into reception to collect uniforms and equipment ready for September. From some conversations and feedback from parents I have learnt that some parents may not have yet read the Yr 6/7 welcome booklet and been made aware that I will be leaving the school at the end of this academic year. I have made the decision to leave Park School and the teaching profession to focus on other activities and pursuits. This was not an easy decision for me, I have a strong passion for Park School and it will always have a special place in my heart. However, the school is greater than any one person the school is in good hands with Mr Waldron, the new Headteacher who is relocating from London, and a new Deputy Headteacher, Mr Humphries, who will support the existing Deputy Headteacher, Mr Tamlyn and staff at the school.

On the 14th July you will have received a letter regarding our testing programme in September following the most recent government guidelines. We have been asked to test all students, for whom we have consent, before they attend school in September 2021 and then for a second time within five days. Please find the rota for the testing [here](#) this is arranged by House and tutor group; however, before we can commence testing we need to gain your [consent](#) for your child to undertake Covid 19 LFD tests. Thank you to those parents/carers that have returned the form already. If you give consent and haven't already responded we ask you please do so as soon as possible.

Wishing you and your family a safe summer break and a great start to Park Life in September 2021.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Roscoe', written in a cursive style.

**Mr G Roscoe**  
Headteacher