

# Parklands Primary School

Can do learners.....ambitious futures

## PROSPECTUS 2011-12

### From the Headteacher

Welcome to Parklands Primary School.

We love our school and are very proud of our achievements. We place great importance on learning and creating a learning community for children and adults. We are a highly inclusive school and make sure that everyone can succeed in a place where they feel safe, happy and well.

Safeguarding children is very, very important to us. We take great care in making sure that our policies reflect our practice and procedures.

We make sure that learners have good skills in ICT, Maths and English. We are currently

introducing a new curriculum for other subjects called the Parklands Learning Challenge Curriculum.

We always tell children that they have talents and futures. We have a range of exciting lunch time and after school clubs. Some of these are part of the Children's University.

Children have a voice at our school. They are encouraged to help make decisions about changes we are making. Some children are chosen to be on the School Council. Other children represent our school in the Seacroft and Manston Youth Parliament.

We work as one great BIG team at Parklands. This

includes children, staff, families, Governors, volunteers and other regular visitors. Our Parent Ambassadors are a much valued team of volunteers who help with various activities in school and trips outside of school.

Parklands is a pretty special place... well, we think so and welcome you to visit and take a good look around. It's not the prettiest of school buildings, but you will always be welcome here and you are sure to get a feel for what we are all about as soon as you walk in!

Come and see what we are and what we do!

*Mrs Cath Hindmarch*

### The School Day

8 a.m. Breakfast Club

8:50 school starts - don't be late!

9:00 learning begins - there's a playtime before lunch half way

1p.m registration - then learning begins again

2:15-2:30 KS1 afternoon play-time

3:05 school ends

3:15-4:15 clubs



The Governing Body

**Chair:** Graham Hyde

**Vice chair:** David Florey

**Parent Governors:**

Mick Feeley  
Kathryn Horrex  
Claire Ashwell  
Tara Portman

**Staff Governors:**

Anne Gandy  
Annette O’Gorman

**Other Governors:**

Linda Sibbons  
Peter Fryer  
Cath Hindmarch  
Lindsey Dunwell

The full Governing Body meets every term. It supports and challenges the work of the school. It makes sure that the standards achieved by the children are improving and that the school is an inclusive one. It agrees all policies and checks on safeguarding and equality.

The Resources Committee checks spending against the school’s budget and holds the Headteacher responsible for

the day to day health and safety of all who use the school and its site.

Requests for minutes of meetings and any queries/concerns can be directed to Graham Hyde c/o of the School.



Our Curriculum at Parklands

We want all children to thrive, enjoy their learning at our school and to do very well.

All children love their **reading, writing and Maths**. We teach these every morning right across school. We use ICT to support learning.

**During the afternoons,** we teach through our new Learning Challenge Curriculum. Each class teacher sends out **a newsletter telling you** what children will be learning in Science/

Art/History and Geography/Music and RE. It will explain when home learning will be set and when visits are.

Did you know that children in Y6 last year did brilliantly?

**67%** of children got Level 4 in both English and Maths.

That’s in line and better than other local schools!

Our Learning Challenges for this year include:

- Where does my lunch come from?
- Who was the cooler - the Greeks or the Romans?
- Why was Jack’s beanstalk so tall?
- Could I be an Olympic athlete?
- Are there too many cars on York Road?
- What makes Leeds a great city?

You are sure to hear what these are all about!

Learning happens across the day. Please ask us what clubs we have on at the moment! The range includes cooking; dancing; netball; music; drama.



Attendance and being on time.....

If children miss school or are late, they miss their learning and can fall behind. We also worry that they may not be safe.

If your child is ill or not able to come to school we need to know as soon as possible.

You can ring 0113 2930282

Or ring or text Mrs Gandy 07583998418.

Children should arrive at 8:50. If they are late, they should come to the front door where they will be given a late pass. This is so we know who is in school so that they can be marked on the register.

We check and follow up any patterns of absence and lateness.

We also like to reward children who are on time and who have good attendance.

**Please help us by getting your child to school and on time.**

If there is anything worrying you or your child about coming to school, then please speak to Mrs Gandy or Miss Harrison - the Learning Mentors.

Holidays in school time must be avoided. Any requests should be made to Mrs Gandy who will ask you to fill in a form.



School is cool!

Safeguarding Policy Statement:

“This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.”

We have numerous key policies which safeguard our children.

Please ask if you would like to have a copy.

- Child Protection
- Safer Recruitment
- E Safety
- Anti Bullying
- Cyber Bullying
- Behaviour
- Health and Safety
- Care and Control
- 1st Aid
- Medicines
- Intimate Care

Safeguarding is vital at our school! If you have any concerns please ask to speak to Mrs Hindmarch/ Mrs Tatham or Miss Harrison.

Closing School in an Emergency

From time to time, the Head has to make the decision to close the school. This could be due to very bad weather or when services are cut-gas/ water/electricity.

Every attempt is made to let parents know as soon as possible.

In the case of bad weather,

Radio Aire and Radio Leeds are told-listen in or go on line.

Leeds City Council website will also have information.

Parents can also listen to voice mail messages by ringing Our Parent Mail service 0844 4127610.

**Have we got your contact information?**

**Please make sure we have up to date telephone numbers and those for your emergency contact person.**



**Contact us:**

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 Dufton Approach  
 Leeds  
 West Yorkshire  
 LS14 6ED

www.parklandsprimary.org.uk

**Complaints Policy**

We always like to know if you are not happy about something about school. We will listen and investigate and let you know if we need to take any further action.

Please let us know what we do well too!



**Behaviour, rewards and sanctions:**

We expect good behaviour in school so that learning can take place and so that we can be a happy and safe school.

Good behaviour is rewarded with merits.

Poor behaviour is recorded and dealt with as explained in the school's Behaviour Policy. As a parent, you will be contacted by the class teacher if there is a serious incident.

We call these a Red Alert. We also have Zero Tolerance Red Alerts for very serious incidents. We welcome discussion with parents if there is poor and/or persistent poor behaviour. We can also offer to support you if you are worried about your child's behaviour.

**Uniform; Special Educational Needs; Healthy Eating**

**Uniform:**

- All available from Asda or Tesco-
- Black/grey trousers
- Grey skirt
- White shirt/polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt
- Black shoes
- Pumps or trainers for PE

PE kit-provided

No jewellery

**Special Educational**

**Needs:**

The school works closely with any child who has SEN. A range of programmes run across school to support children with their learning. Children with specific needs have an individual education plan to support them to make progress, The school works with parents as part of this process. School has a specialist provision for children with complex special needs. We call this bit of school 'RP'.

Contact Mrs Tatham for further information.

**Healthy eating:**

Breakfast Club runs every morning from 8 a.m. Leeds City Council Catering provide our school meals. Children who bring a packed lunch are encouraged to bring fruit, healthy sandwiches and a healthy drink. Children are not allowed to eat sweets and crisps at play-times. Fruit ,veg and milk are provided in KS1; milk in KS2.

