

Welcome back to a new school year!

It was lovely to see the children happily returning on Wednesday in their neat uniforms. *Please see the school uniform information below.*

The sun and heat we are experiencing since we come back is unexpected but makes a welcome change from the holiday weather. We encourage the children to drink water during the day in school from their personal water bottle; please label your child's bottle to reduce the risk of misplacing it.

As you are most probably aware, **all children** have access to free school lunch this year (regardless of income) and so far, the organisation of this has been running smoothly. Details of the menu can be found on the school website. We do ask that you commit to either school meals or packed lunches at the start of a term so we can order accurately.

We have some important dates coming up (please see below). Curriculum evenings are a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher, the year group team, and to get an understanding of the learning and expectations. Although extra after school PE proved successful in giving children the opportunity to be active after COVID we now feel it is time to reintroduce a variety of after school clubs. I hope to be able to update you shortly with details once we have finalised arrangements.

Attendance is high on the agenda of all schools. Sadly, we are below the 96% that is expected of schools and as a result, we issued more fines last year than we have ever done before. We need to improve and this needs you to make sure your child comes to school every day unless ill.

Angela Anterkyi
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

September:

Monday 18 - Y6 Curriculum evening 6pm

Tuesday 19 - Y6 Secondary Transition 6pm

Wednesday 20 - 4V trip London Mithraeum

Thursday 21 - Y1 Curriculum evening 6pm

Monday 25 - Y2 Curriculum evening 6pm

Tuesday 26 - Y15 Curriculum evening 6pm

Wednesday 27 - 4E+4T trip London Mithraeum

Thursday 28 - Coffee Morning 9am

October:

Monday 2 - Y3 Curriculum evening 6pm

Tuesday 3 - E-safety for parents 9am + 6pm

Thursday 5 - Reception Curriculum evening 6pm

Tuesday 10 - Big Foot Theatre performing in school

November:

Tuesday 7 - Reception open morning 10 -11am

Wednesday 8 - PARENTS EVENING 3:30 - 7PM

Thursday 9 - PARENTS EVENING 3:30 - 6PM

Wednesday 7 - Nursery open morning 10 -11am

School Uniform Expectations



We do have an expectation that all children will wear school uniform to school. You can purchase school uniform from Fosters and have it delivered to school to save delivery fees.
[Shop - Fosters Schoolwear](#)

We do have a limited supply of second-hand uniform if you are struggling financially. Please email Sam Sharan ssharan@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk with item and size you need.

The school logo is not a necessity and it is possible to buy less expensive polo shirts and jumpers from chain stores. See links below:

Asda

<https://direct.asda.com/george/school/boys-school-polo-shirts/light-blue-short-sleeve-school-polo-shirts-2-pack/GEM1026947,default,pd.html?cgid=D10M1G1C2>

Sainsbury's

<https://tuclighting.sainsburys.co.uk/browse/school-uniform/boys/c:842051/?tag=tu:hp:p1:list:school-shop:boys-school-uniform>

PE uniform is a yellow t-shirt and black shorts/joggers/leggings.

School uniform consists of **black shoes**. Hijabs to be black, white or navy blue.

Please label your child's clothes with their name.

NO JEWELLERY TO BE WORN.

Thank you for your support. 😊

Attendance!



RE: Formal Warning or Education Penalty Notice

This year, we aim to have an attendance rate at or above the National expected of 96%. We are currently at 94.7%.

It is very important that all our pupils benefit from 190 days of learning to ensure they make progress and achieve the results they should. If a school can improve its attendance by 1%, this can result in a 5-6% improvement in attainment. We are asking you to support the school by ensuring your child achieves excellent attendance.

Here are some of the ways in which you can help our school achieve excellent attendance:

- Support your child to have attendance of 96% or above.
- You can make a request Mrs Anteryki in advance if you feel you have exceptional circumstances for your child to be absent during term time, however permission may not be given; the Head's decision is final.
- We expect pupils to arrive at school on time. Late arrivals disrupt the education of others. Pupils arriving after the school gates are closed will be marked in the register as late.
- We do not expect pupils to come to school when they are sick, but those with regular sickness absence will be expected to provide us with medical evidence before we authorise further absences.
- Avoid medical and dental appointments during school time.
- If you or your child is having difficulties that impact on their attendance, please make an appointment with a member of staff to discuss additional support.
- We have an expectation that once we have notified a parent about our concerns, they will ensure that their child's attendance improves significantly. If a pupil continues to have poor attendance, we will discuss this with our link Education Welfare Officer, and if necessary, make a referral to Brent Education Welfare Service.
- The Education Welfare Service may issue a parent with a Formal Warning, an Education Penalty Notice (EPN) or decide to prosecute if a child is persistently absent.
- If a parent is issued with an EPN, they risk receiving a fine from Brent Council of £120 if paid within 28 days. This is reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days. Fines for unauthorised term time leave are issued to each parent for each absent child. Failure to pay the notice may result in a parent being prosecuted at Willesden Magistrates Court for their child's non-attendance at school for the period in the notice.

What is Place2Be?

Gladstone Park Primary works with Place2Be, a national charity supporting schools to improve the confidence and wellbeing of children and young people. Place2Be provides emotional and therapeutic support to children, young people, families, and staff in more than 450 schools nationwide. It gives children and young people a space to express themselves through talking and creative work and to think about any worries they might have. Place2Be provides support for parents and staff too.

Details of the Place2be service are available on the school website and given below but if you would like to know more, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment with our school Project Manager, Kristen Cook (working days: Monday, Tuesday (p.m.) and Wednesday).

Our whole-school service are as follows:

Place2Talk

One of the most popular aspects of the service is called 'Place2Talk'. It's open to all children and young people at Gladstone Park Primary in Years 3 to 6. The children can make an appointment to spend 15 minutes with a trained counsellor, either by themselves or with a friend. Children and young people often discuss friendships or any worries they may have. On average, about a third of children and young people who access the service in schools take advantage of this service every year.

One-to-one counselling for children

These sessions are for children who might benefit from regular support and are offered once a week for about 50 minutes. The sessions will be on the same day and at the same time in school every week. The sessions allow your child to express their feelings using play and art. One-to-one sessions usually continue for up to 10 weeks but occasionally longer, depending on each child's needs.

Parent Partnership

The Place2Be Parent Partnership service is a listening, consultation and guidance service offered to parents and carers in Place2Be schools. We will meet with parents and carers in Parent Partnership meetings before, during and after their child's Place2Be intervention to review their child's progress. We are also available to all parents who wish to discuss a particular issue or concern about their child, even if they are not receiving targeted support from Place2Be.

Personalised Individual Parenting Training (PIPT)

Personal Individual Parenting Training works by directly coaching parents/carers to interact differently with their children to increase their child's friendly and cooperative behaviours, strengthen communication and reduce undesirable behaviours. Parents/carers are offered 6-10 sessions, and their children will join them for some of the session.

Online Parenting Smart Course

For parents who are not able to attend face-to-face sessions with their child, they can access all the main elements of Personalised Individual Parenting Training via our online course. The course is available for self-registration (information via your School Project Manager), facilitated by our Family Practitioner and delivered in many languages.

If would like to find out more or would prefer that your child does not use this service, please contact Kristen Cook (School Project Manager) on Kristen.cook@place2be.org.uk who will be very happy to answer any questions.

