

Victoria Park School

Welcome Back Newsletter 2025



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Head Teacher Welcome

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all our children, families and staff. I hope everyone had a good summer break with family and friends. It has been great to see so many of our children come back and settling into school routines. We have lots planned for the year ahead and I am excited to see how we can build on the success of last session.

Kirsty McKellar HT

Drop Offs and Pick Ups

Before 9am please drop off your child at the children's entrance which is at the top of the ramp at the front of the building. If your child has arrived after 9am please enter through the main entrance to the school which is shared with High Mill Primary School. Please pick up your child at 3pm at the children's entrance. If you are picking up your child during the school day, please let the office know you have arrived and we will bring your child to the children's entrance in order to keep the same routine for your child/ children.

If someone different is coming to collect your child, please call the school office to set up a safe password to collect your child.

If your child comes to school in a bus/taxi please let the company know if your child is absent or going to an appointment.

School Refurbishments

I am pleased to let you know that we have had a number of school refurbishments and improvements that have taken place over the summer.

- Downstairs classrooms all have vinyl flooring.
 - Room 1 and Room 9 have been painted.
- Extra storage space for downstairs classrooms has been installed.
 - Room 7 and Room 8 have fans installed.
- Lockable display boards have been installed outside all classrooms.
 - All classrooms have new felt noticeboards.
 - Room 6 has a new c-touch screen installed.

I hope these changes to the environment will make our school a more welcoming and nurturing place for all which will ultimately lead to improved engagement in learning.

Room 1 & Room 2



Attendance

It is our aim for children to attend school as much as possible however we are aware there will be occasions your child is unable to attend. Please let the school office know before 9am if your child is unwell. If your child has slept in, please bring your child into school if you can. This keeps your child in the routine of waking up and coming to school. If you are coming in late let us know as soon as possible and we can ensure we have lunch ordered for you child.

If you are unable to get through by telephone, please leave a message. If your child has any appointments, please let the office know in advance.

Clothing

As you will be aware our Scottish weather can be so changeable and so I would ask that children are dressed for going outside depending on the forecasted weather. We do try to get outside in all weathers. For younger children especially it is always useful to have a change of clothes in their bags in case they get wet or dirty.

We would welcome children bringing in rain suits and wellies for going outside in the rainier weather.

Many children don't like to wear shoes indoors and so I would ask that children wear shoes that can be put on quickly in the event of an emergency.

Medication and Items for Personal Care

Please complete an Administration of Medication form if your child requires medication at school. Medicine should be labelled with your child's name and dob from the pharmacy on the box and on the items inside if possible.

Please do not add medicine to children's drinks unless an Administration of Medication form is completed.

It is useful to always have at least a week's worth of pads and wipes sent in at the start of the week. Children are changed twice per day.

Staffing 2025 - 2026



A full list of staffing is available on the school website

Head Teacher – Kirsty McKellar

Depute Head Teacher – Leeanne Inglis

Principal Teachers – Elspeth Blair/Alison Hawthorn

Team Leaders – Pauline Newns / Donna Melvin/ Laura Drysdale

Room 1 – Anne Baird

Room 5 – Carene Taylor/Leah Monk

Room 2 – Michelle Harris

Room 7 – Louise Hayley-Murray/Zoe Banks

Room 3 – Rosie Stopford

Room 8 – Lewis McCourt

Room 4 – Michaela McIntosh

Room 9 – Rachael Hall/Elspeth Blair

Non – Class Contact Time Cover – Leah Monk and Allyx Dick

**Children call staff by their first names.*

Important Dates

Meet the Team

Tuesday 26th August

P1/New Starts Settling In Reviews

Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th
September

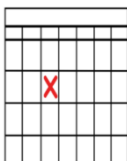
September Weekend

Friday 26th and Monday 29th September

October Break

Monday 13th – Friday 17th October

Children return Monday 20th October



Staff Update

This session we would like to welcome Lewis McCourt, Leah Monk and Allyx Dick to our school as supply teachers.

We have begun the recruitment process for two teaching positions and one position will remain supply cover for Jennifer Kelso's maternity leave.

I would like congratulate Rosie Stopford who has secured a permanent teaching position at Victoria Park after providing us with supply teaching last session.

We also have welcomed Vicky Falconer, Samantha Graham, Samatha Eadie, Kirsty Ritchie, Mhairi McMillan and Eva McLaughlin to our school support staff.

Class Name and Room Changes

We have had some building work completed this summer which has impacted on which rooms we use for classes. Currently Room 6 is not in use and will be used as a structured play room. We have then renamed the room which is at the entrance of the school to Room 9 for now.

We are going to rename classrooms from room numbers e.g. Room 1 to a colour e.g. "green classroom". This is to ensure that we are making the school more accessible to all children as we generally recognise colours before numbers. Each room is now painted a different colour and we will work with our pupil voice group to make final decision on the names of the rooms.

Meet the Team

We are excited about holding our "Meet the Team" event on Tuesday 26th August at 3:00pm – 4:00pm. This will give you a chance to meet the whole class team that works with your child. If you do not wish for your child to go home this day please can you let the office know and we will compile a list of children who will remain at the end of the day.

Room 9 (previously Room 8) will have their "Meet the Team" event on Tuesday 2nd September at 3:00pm – 4:00pm.

Lost Items

Just a reminder that all clothes, shoes, bags, lunchbags etc.. has your child's name on it to prevent any lost or mixed up items. Thaks in advance for your support with this.

