



Packmoor Ormiston Academy Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024



Behaviour Policy

Please see below a link to our updated Behaviour Policy which is available to view on our website.

<https://packmoorormistonacademy.co.uk/key-info/policies>

Academy Car Park

Can we politely ask parents/carers not to park on the school car park when dropping off for Breakfast Club and collecting from After School Club.

Thank you

School Uniform

Due to a rise in supplier costs, there will be a cost increase after half term of 70p per item.

This is for school jumpers and cardigans only.

PE kit is not affected.

Thank you for your continued support..

Young Voices Concert

Monday 22nd January

Please speak to Mrs Maxwell if you require any more information about the concert.

Admissions

The deadline for applications for Nursery September 2024 intake is Wednesday 31st January.

Please apply via www.stoke.gov.uk

Young Carers

This week the children had an assembly hosted by Chelsie from North Staffs Carers to explain all about young carers, including what a young carer is and how they can be supported.

If you feel that you would like any support with this please speak to a member of staff or visit the North Staffs Carers website

<https://www.carersfirst.com/home>



February Half Term Holiday Club

Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Fun and Games

£22.50 per day

Art Attack

Fun and Games

Breakfast and lunch provided

Please bring evening snack box

8.00am - 5.00pm

Sports

For further information, please email:

club@packmoor.co.uk

Baking

Bookings will be open next week on Parent pay

Spring Term 2024

Friday 9th February - School Closes

Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February
(Half Term)

Monday 19th February - School Opens

Friday 22nd March - School Closes 1.00pm

Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April -
(Easter Holiday)

Term Dates 2024 2025

Change of Inset Day 3

New date - Monday 24th February 2025

Cigarettes/Vaping

Just a polite reminder, smoking and vaping are not permitted on school premises.

School Values

This weeks winners who demonstrated our school value **Energetic** are:

1JT - Elsie	1NH - Jack
2PW - Mahenoor	2JH - Leon
3LS - Alfie	3JG - Emily
4CH - Max	4GN - Lexie
5EB - Poppy	5GL - Zach
6JM - Bethan	6RS - Amelia

Attendance

Our challenge this year is to achieve 97% attendance overall by July 2024.

Current whole school attendance since September is 95.5%

Whole school attendance this week is 98.7%

This weeks class with the best attendance is
3LS 100%

Well done.

Thank you for contacting the absence line if your child is off school. Polite reminder to give reason for your child's absence on the message.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd January - Young Voices Concert

Monday 5th February - France Trip Year 5/6

Thursday 8th February - PTA Disco

Friday 9th February - Change for Life Day
(PE Kit)

Friday 9th February - Half Term School Closes

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

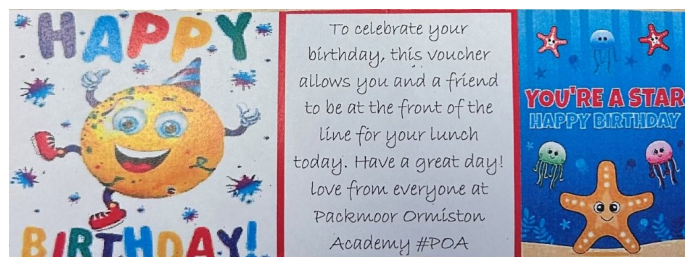
Y6 SATs Week

Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May

Please can we stress the importance of attendance up to and including these dates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Well done Chloe who has achieved a certificate of achievement in Karate.



Celebrating their birthdays are: Jayden, Cole, Isaac, Elsie-Mae, Nathan.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up; just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to always meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school: even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you really want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting: it respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

Meet Our Expert

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