



Welcome to
our school

NURSERY
September 2021

Welcome from our Head of School:



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Sutton Park Primary School. Choosing a school for your child is no easy task and, as a very proud mother to an almost five-year old, I know how much trust you are placing in us. There is nothing more important than our children and every parent wants, and expects, the very best. We look forward to working alongside you in the coming years; celebrating your child's successes and championing them every step of the way!

Mrs L Middleton

Our 'core values'

- ▶ The following three words underpin our hopes and aims for all pupils:
BELIEVE—INSPIRE—ACHIEVE
- ▶ At Sutton Park Primary School, we strongly **believe** that every child matters. We respect each child in our school for who they are, and we treat them with fairness and honesty.
- ▶ We provide our pupils with a creative and engaging curriculum that will ensure they have the knowledge and skills they need to set them on the path to becoming lifelong learners.
- ▶ It is an expectation that in every year group we will provide our children with learning experiences that will enable them to excel in their academic, emotional and social life.
- ▶ Representation, Equality and Diversity underpin our curriculum offer. Everyone is welcome in our school; valued for who they are; respected for their beliefs and for their differing cultural heritage.
- ▶ We have high **aspirations** for every pupil we serve; we will prepare them for life beyond our school, ensuring they can be as successful as possible in their future endeavours.
- ▶ It is our hope that our curriculum will pave the way for further education; igniting a love for learning and promoting the huge life-value which education provides.



The history of our school:



- ▶ Previously known as Banners Gate Primary School
- ▶ In June 2018, Banners Gate was rated 'inadequate' by Ofsted.
- ▶ A period of uncertainty and involvement from the Local Authority and BEP led to old leadership and management structures being replaced.
- ▶ In Spring 2019, The Prince Albert Community Trust became involved and began to work with the school community via an Interim Headteacher.
- ▶ In September 2019, a new Senior Leadership Team was established.
- ▶ In December 2019, Sutton Park Primary officially converted to a new school and became part of The PACT.

Feedback from pupils:

"It's a lot more organised at Sutton Park. All the great events we do and also just each day - we know what's going on and what is expected of us." (Gorgia, Y6)

"I like absolutely EVERYTHING about Sutton Park Primary!" (Trey, Y1)

"I like how we don't have supply teachers anymore. My teacher is here all the time and she's got to know me. All our teachers used to leave." (Bahar, Y6)

"The best thing about Sutton Park is that everyone here takes care of us and really looks after us." (Jayden, Y3)

"We have new jumpers and shirts. They look so cool!" (Aidan, Y2)

"What I love about this school is the teachers!" (Kayon, Y3)

"I like coming to school everyday because I like learning new stuff. English is my favourite!" (Chloe, Y1)

Feedback from parents:

"A huge thank you to each and every staff member who has worked so hard to ensure our children are happy, safe and learning at Sutton Park Primary School. It hasn't gone unnoticed and it is very much appreciated."

"Thank you for all of the excellent support for my daughter's needs from the Inclusion lead, teachers and TAs."

"Thank you to the SLT team for being available on the playground for a quick chat about anything and everything!"

"As parents, we are so much better informed now. Informed of updates, events and changes. Thank you for being available to discuss problems or issues that arise."

"There is a new emphasis on positive behaviours. Lots of encouragement and rewards for hard work."

"Sutton Park Primary is a place that my son wants to come to each and everyday! Thank you for changing his perceptions of school."

"There are vast improvements all around school."

"We now feel like the school and its pupils are valued and loved. We now know that the staff actively want what is best for them."

"Breakfast club and wrap-around care are welcome additions. It really helps working families like us."

Reading in our school:

Reading is the beating heart of Sutton Park Primary.

It is a life skill which opens hearts, imaginations and curiosities - making the impossible seem possible.

We want every child to leave our school with a thirst to read more: with expanded vocabularies and with a vast catalogue of texts they have enjoyed whilst they've been here.



Our whole-school 'Snuggle Up and Read' incentive



Our newly-renovated school library offers a quiet space for the sharing of stories, non-fiction texts, newspapers and magazines.



Outdoor spaces and outdoor learning:



Our 'Secret Reading Garden' provides a tranquil spot for quiet reading and appreciation of nature.



Every playground has outdoor play equipment to encourage physical development and active play.

- BELIEVE - INSPIRE - ACHIEVE -

Our staff:



Mrs Jones,
Nursery Teacher



Mr Day,
Reception Teacher



Mr Murphy,
EYFS Teaching Assistant



Mrs Macfarlane,
EYFS Teaching Assistant



Mrs Davis,
Office Manager



Mrs Johnson,
Receptionist



Mrs Middleton,
Head of School



Mrs Dunning,
Deputy Head Teacher



Mrs Runacus,
Lead Practitioner
for Inclusion



Our uniform:

Uniform is an important part of our school identity. We want our pupils to wear it with pride and to understand that it represents that they are valued members of a special community.

The compulsory uniform for Sutton Park Primary is:

- Sutton Park Primary sweatshirt/cardigan (with SP logo, no plain sweatshirts/cardigans)
- White polo shirt (SP logo embroidered is preferred)

Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore

- Grey tights/socks
- Black school shoes (no trainers)

For PE, the compulsory uniform is:

- Burgundy sports t-shirt (must have SP logo)
- Black shorts (shorts with SP logo are available and preferred)
- Black PE pumps/trainers for outdoors
- Plain black tracksuits can also be worn due to children wearing their PE kits all day.



Shoes

All children should wear black shoes. Velcro or elastic fastenings are best. Please do not send your child in shoes that have laces, unless they are able to tie them up independently. Trainers for PE lessons also need Velcro or elastic fastenings please.



You can find further information about how to order school uniform on our website. It can be ordered here:

<https://www.schoolwear-solutions.com/product-category/our-schools/sutton-park-primary-school/>

Starting school:



September 2021:

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September – Teacher training days

Monday 6th September; Tuesday 7th September – Transition sessions. You will be given a time slot to attend Nursery, to meet staff and get to know our learning environment.

Arrival and Departure Procedures:

On arrival, we encourage all parents to stay with their children for the first ten minutes of the day. (Covid-dependant) There will be a selection of activities provided for you to support your child with. In any instance where you may be late please take your child to the school office.

Our EYFS classrooms have their own gated entrance (accessed via the Rowling playground, George Frederick Road gate). You can also access EYFS from the Coppice View Road entrance, by walking across the Dahl playground. We have Senior Leaders on duty each morning so just ask if you are unsure which direction to head in.

Your child must be collected by a named adult. If you do not let a member of staff know any changes beforehand they will not let your child go home with an unfamiliar adult. (We use a password system to offer enhanced protection in this process. Please see the information forms contained in your pack)

There are 3 options for Nursery places:

Morning session (8:45-11:45)

Afternoon session (12:15-3:15)

ALL DAY (8:45-3:15) These places can be government-funded 30 hour places or parents not eligible for these additional hours are able to pay a top up fee for full time.

Morning children are collected via the main entrance (Coppice View Road) at 11:45am.

Afternoon children should be dropped off via the main entrance (Coppice View Road) at 12:15pm.

Lunchtimes:

Children who have full-time Nursery places stay in school for lunchtime. They can either bring a packed lunch from home each day or order a hot school meal for a cost of £1.80 per day. We ask that parents make a choice between these two options for a whole term. This supports us in ensuring kitchen orders are correct and provides consistency for the children.

Snack time:

In our Nursery class, we provide a piece of fresh fruit daily and ensure that fresh water is available at all times. Milk is also available free of charge for children under the age of 5, as part of a national scheme.

Our curriculum:

The EYFS curriculum has been revised and will be relaunched in September 2021, nationwide. It is based on seven areas of learning and places **early language** at the heart of them all.



Seven areas of learning:

Three 'prime' areas:

► Personal Social and Emotional Development

Building relationships

Managing self (moved from PD)

Self-regulation

► Communication and Language

Listening, attention and understanding

Speaking

► Physical development

Gross-motor skills

Fine-motor skills

At Sutton Park Primary, we place high emphasis on **Communication and Language**.

We believe passionately in growing the vocabulary of our learners and in raising their confidence in a wide range of speaking and listening situations.

Oracy then continues to be a main curriculum focus throughout your child's time at our school.

Four 'specific' areas:

► Literacy

Comprehension

Word reading

Writing

► Mathematics

Number (mastery of number to 10)

Numerical patterns

► Understanding the world

People, culture and communities

The natural world

Past and present

► Expressive arts and design

Creating with materials

Being imaginative and expressive



In Nursery, we focus on the 'prime areas' predominantly as these form a foundation for other learning.

Across both indoors and outdoors, your child will be engage in many high-quality play and learning opportunities. These will ensure a healthy diet of all seven areas of learning.

EYFS The foundations and building blocks for all future learning.



Free-flow approach



Reading celebrated



Enabling environments



Learning through play



Adults as facilitators

Encouraging curiosity & growing language



Exploration and problem-solving



Gross-motor skills and physical development



Fine-motor skills

Responding to pupil interests



The outdoor classroom



Working with parents:

No one knows your child better than you!

Our parent-partnership is an integral part of school life.

You can expect:

- Regular communication with your child's class teacher.
- Home learning tasks to support your child's development and progress.
- Home reading books and reading incentives.
- Access to your child's Tapestry E-Journal which documents their learning in school and can be added to with home achievements too.
- A listening ear when you need one.
- Pastoral support for your child and family.



Getting ready for school:

How can you prepare your child for Nursery?

- Please make sure your child is toilet-trained.
- Ensure your child can use the toilet independently and wash their hands.
- Talk to your child about Nursery.
- Encourage them to put on their own coat, socks and shoes.
- If your child is staying for lunch, make sure they are able to feed themselves using a knife and fork.
- Make sure they are practising zipping up their coat independently.

Other important information:



Changing Children

- ▶ We will change your child if they are wet or soiled according to the 'intimate care policy'. If this happens on a regular basis, we will work with you to encourage your child to use the toilet with our support.



Behaviour

- ▶ We encourage children to behave in a sociable and mindful way through positive encouragement. We have rules in Nursery that are for the children's safety and well-being. Children are encouraged to understand the necessity of rules.
- ▶ We have high expectations at Sutton Park Primary and unacceptable behaviour is always recorded and reported to parents.
- ▶ Should there be any concerns about your child's behaviour we will inform you at an early stage. We always work co-operatively with parents to identify the reasons and plan positively to help your child overcome them.



Medicines

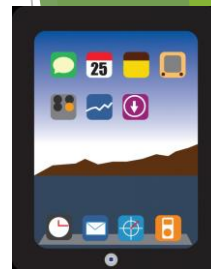
- ▶ We are willing to help with asthma or long term illnesses. Please discuss any medication needs with a member of staff.
- ▶ If your child has been suffering from sickness and diarrhoea please DO NOT bring them into Nursery for at least 48 hours, until after the infection has cleared. We do find that this illness spreads very quickly.



Other important information:

E-Journals

- ▶ We use an e-journal platform called Tapestry to record your child's learning journey during their time in Reception.
- ▶ This allows school to share observations with you and also allows parents to upload experiences/memories/learning from home.
- ▶ To register your child with Tapestry we require your consent. This form can be found in your welcome pack and must be returned to school by Friday 10th September at the latest please.



Timetable for September:

8:45 - 9:00	Doors open at 8:45. Parents stay and play, children in provision.
9:00 - 9:10	Register. Children remain in provision.
9:10 - 9:25	Morning welcome discussion. Story or provocation for the day.
9:25 - 11:15	Children in provision
11:15 - 11:30	Tidy up - Adult modelled and supported.
11:30	Washing hands - Full time children go to lunch, morning children snack time
11:30 - 11:45	Story/ singing nursery rhymes.
11:45	Morning children go home.
12:15	Afternoon children arrive - story or provocation for the day - as morning (with 1 adult)
12:30	Full time children return from lunch
12:30 - 12:40	All children come together for 'Discussion time'
12:40 - 2:30	Children in provision
2:30 - 2:45	Tidy up time - Adult modelled and supported.
2:55 - 3:15	Washing hands , Snack time Story/ Singing Nursery rhymes
3:15	Home-time

Getting to know you - Summer homework:

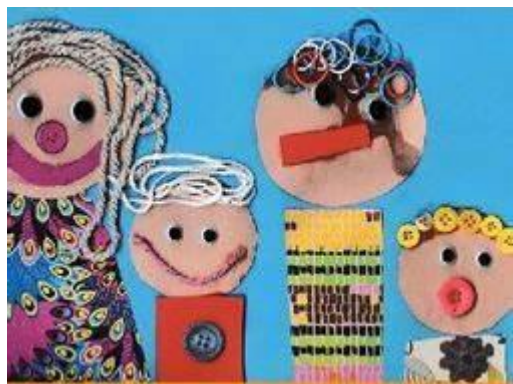


We would love all pupils to create a **family portrait** ahead of starting school in September.

These masterpieces can be created using any materials of your choice e.g. pencil sketching, felt pens, crayons, chalk, paints.

We will hang them in our 'Class Gallery' in September and they will also be used as a talking point for settling in.

If you would like to, you can also send in a photograph of the family to support this discussion.



Our School

At Sutton Park Primary, we are committed to ensuring that your child learns and develops in a safe and happy environment.

The school follows the legal requirements of the Statutory Framework for Early Years Foundation Stage.

The following information is available to you on request:

- Safeguarding and Health and Safety of children policy
- SEN/Interventions Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- EYFS Policy
- Intimate Care Policy
- Healthy Lunchbox Policy



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