



School Matters

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"Working together to raise achievement"

Dear Parents and Friends of Paisley Primary School

Here we are again, the start of another school year, and what an exciting year it promises to be!

Every Child Matters

Also known as "Change for Children" this is a new approach to the well being of children and young people. The Government's aim is for every child to have the support they need to:

- Be healthy
- Stay safe
- Enjoy and achieve
- Make a positive contribution
- Achieve economic well-being

At Paisley we have always tried to help the children achieve this too. We are sure you will continue to support us as we look for new ways to do this even better.

www.everychildmatters.gov.uk

We welcome new staff to the school and have made changes which will enable us to offer new opportunities to the children.

At the centre of many of these changes is the principle of **Every Child Matters** which is explained in the box alongside.

This new-look newsletter explains some of the practical ways we can work together to achieve the five outcomes.

It will also remind you of some of the important events, useful services and interesting activities during the Autumn Term, including the Annual Parents Meeting which may take place on Wednesday October 19th at 6:30pm and the Training Day on Friday 11th November when school will be closed.

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Being Healthy

Breakfast Club – Free healthy breakfast for all children! No need to register or apply, just turn up between 8am and 8:15. Open every school day! Meet friends, eat and play!

Fresh Fruit and Vegetables – Free healthy snack for all children every break.

Delicious free healthy dinners – We did it before Jamie Oliver! Save at least £200 a year* and ensure your child receives a free healthy balanced meal every lunchtime.

Sensible Snacks Award – Our children have been praised for enjoying alternatives to sweets, knowing about nutrition and health and will be rewarded for healthy packed lunches.

Smoke Free Site – To keep us all safe from the dangers of passive smoking and to decrease the likelihood of children smoking later in life.

*Assumes £1/day spent on a packed lunch

Annual Parents Meeting – Wednesday October 19th – 6:30pm

Every Child Matters

Meet the Governors.

Learn about our plans.

Share your thoughts.

This Annual Parents Meeting will only take place if the parents of at least 15 registered pupils wish to attend. Please return this slip or write to us if you wish to attend. You will be informed if the meeting does not take place.

Name(s) _____

Children at the school _____ Class(es) _____

Being Safe

School Travel Plan

- Our plan was approved and we have received a grant of over £5000 which will be spent on playground improvements, seating and information boards.
- We have contacted the authorities about the concerns you expressed about local traffic and the need for safer crossings.
- We are seeking to make Paisley Street a "Car Free Zone" at school times, prevent dangerous parking and establish a "Park and Stride" to Albert Ave Baths car park.

Health and Safety

- Children, staff and governors regularly discuss and act on issues raised.
- We work closely with parents, health and social services and others to make sure our children are safe and secure.
- Please help and report any concerns.

Enjoying and Achieving

Our theme is Excellence and Enjoyment.

We want to offer an exciting and interesting curriculum so that children learn effectively. **Children** will be encouraged to achieve the best results possible, try their hardest and treat everyone, and their world, with respect. **Guaranteed** Planning Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time for teachers and the skills of our teaching assistants are helping us to offer French and create new and exciting projects and lessons using our ICT and other resources.

We believe strongly in the value of school trips and visits from theatre companies etc. The annual Sponsored Spell and your contributions help to make these possible. We will consult with you this term to see if you would like to contribute £1, £2 or £5 extra each term so we can offer even more.

Making a positive contribution

- Children in KS 2 can be elected to our School Council and every class has two representatives who meet with them.
- Our Eco-Schools Committee and "Green Gang" help to plan environmental improvements and take part in practical work to make it happen.
- The Paisley Press meet with members of the school and wider community before publishing news and features.
- Many children have had the opportunity to meet with the press and media to express their thoughts and ideas.
- All of our children are encouraged to help each other and contribute to our school and wider community throughout their time at Paisley.
- Look out for the road safety posters designed by two of our children!

Achieving economic well-being

In a time when many people find it hard to find work and may have to change jobs often, we need to make sure that our children have all the skills needed. As well as good reading, writing and maths skills, we need to teach our children to be creative, use technology, make good choices and decisions, use their leisure time well and develop good social and work skills.

It is also important now and for the future that they learn to be punctual (at school by 8:45 for an 8:50am start) and attend well (aiming for 95%) so that they can take full advantage of what is available. Through the Governing Body and the Education Business Links Organisation we intend to work with business and industry to develop new learning opportunities.

Dates for your diary

Half Term Saturday 22nd October to Sunday 30th October 2005 (inclusive)

Training Day (School Closed) - Friday 11th November 2005

Christmas Holiday – Thursday 22nd December 2005 to Wednesday 4th January 2006 (inclusive)

Feedback - Is there anything you'd like to tell us? Can we tell you something?

You are welcome to drop in any time. Have you any concerns? Have you had a good idea? Would you like to make a suggestion? Do you or your child need some support? Has your address or phone number changed? You can often see us immediately for a minute or two before or after school but longer meetings will usually need an appointment. Contact the office or your child's teacher and we will arrange the earliest possible meeting.

Every Child Matters. Phone 355984, email admin@paisley.hull.sch.uk or drop a note in the Comments Box.