



Welcome!



Who's who in year 4



Mrs Passmore



Mr Yeowell



Miss O'Hagan



Mr Dowson



Ms Reilly



Snr Pena



Miss Sinclair

School days
in a year

190

Attendance

Every Child in Every Day

Non-School
days in a year

175

(Please take holidays or make
appointments during this time)

We expect every child to attend **every day**, arriving at school **on time** and **remaining in school for the full school day**.

This gives your child the best opportunity to make **progress** in their learning and in their social skills.

Our aim is for every child to have at least **97%** attendance. More than 6 days absence in a school year will drop their attendance below this target.

If you are struggling to get your child into school every day on time, please ask us for help.

Please check the **Attendance and Punctuality** leaflet and the **'Is my child too ill for school?'** leaflet for more information and advice.

Homework

- Literacy and Maths homework goes home on a Monday and is expected to be returned on Monday.
- Spelling homework is given out on a Monday and should be returned on a Monday. Spelling tests will be on a Monday.
- Homework is to be completed to a high standard and should be done in pencil.





Times Tables



- We are going to have a strong focus on times tables this year.
- Y4 sit a government issued Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in the summer.
- We will send home regular times table practise for you to complete with them at home, in preparation for the MTC.
- Children also have access to Times Tables Rockstars which they can also access from home.

Reading at home

- Reading at home is one of the best ways you can help support your child and it is very important for your child to read regularly at home!
- Each child has their set day to bring in their reading book, but they can also change it daily.
- We ask for children to read and complete their reading logs 3 times per week.

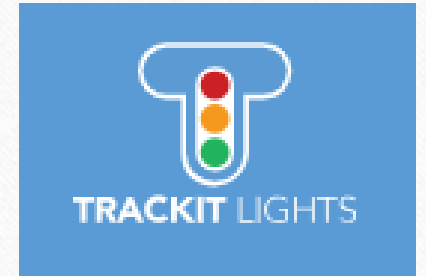


Behaviour

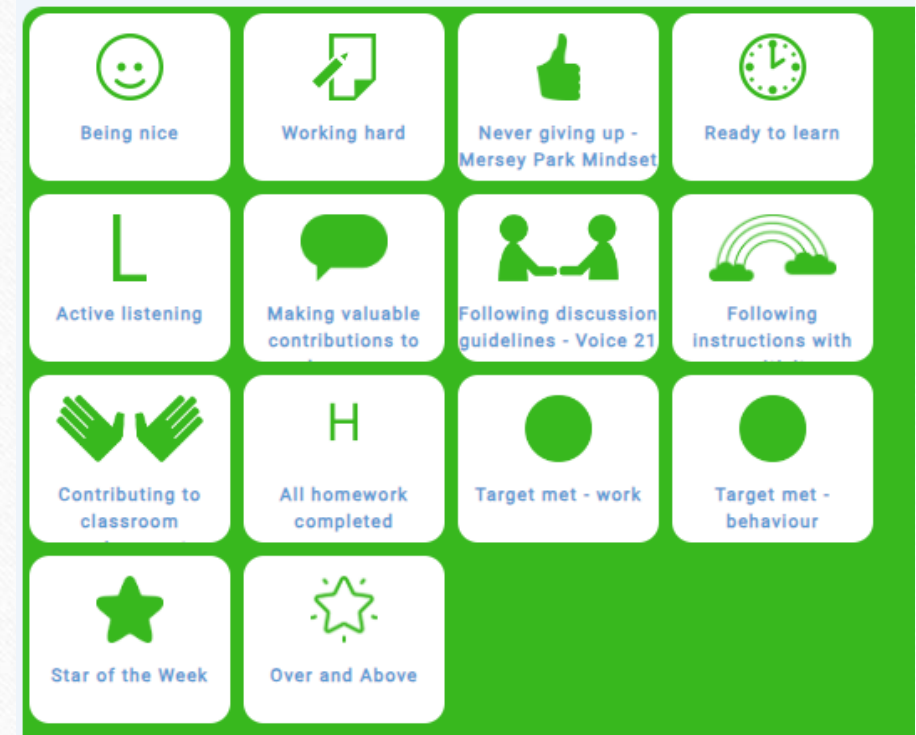


- At Mersey Park we have a positive behaviour system where good behaviour is praised and rewarded.
- Our school values of 'Be Nice, Work Hard and Never Give up' are evident in all areas of school life.
- We will be carrying on using the behaviour tracking system called Trackit Lights which allows for positive behaviour to be highlighted.

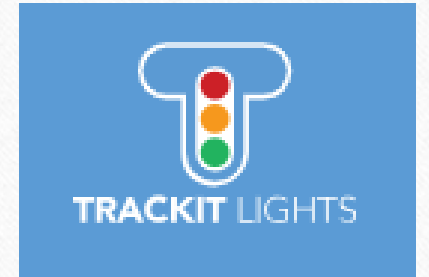
Trackit Lights



- Online behaviour recording system.
- Staff are able to immediately acknowledge positive behaviours.
- Every positive behaviour has a value.
- The points are totalled and certificates are earned.
- Parents will receive notification via the app that a certificate has been earned.



Trackit Lights



- Negative behaviours are also recorded discretely.
- Incidents of unacceptable behaviour that result in a pupil losing some of their lunchtime will be recorded and parents will receive an instant notification.

The system is brand new to school and we are still getting used to it!
More information about the app will follow shortly.

PE days

- Children have been given PE shorts, T shirt and PE bag that is kept in school.
- PE pumps or trainers are needed in school everyday.
- The PE day in Year 4 is Thursday.

Mersey Park Mindset

- In Year 4 we very much encourage the children to have a Mersey Park Mindset. This means we show the children what it means to 'Never Give Up'.
- We embrace challenges and teach the children that it is definitely ok to make mistakes because this means we're trying something new and we're learning.



My Happy Mind

- We will be continuing with the program My Happy mind. My Happy mind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!
- My Happy mind is delivered in schools by class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these strategies throughout the day.



Trips

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- Autumn Term - Chester, Roman Museum Wednesday 7th October (£12 contribution)
 - Summer Term - Barnstondale

School will try and subsidize as much as we can for trips and we will give you plenty of notice for payments and dates.



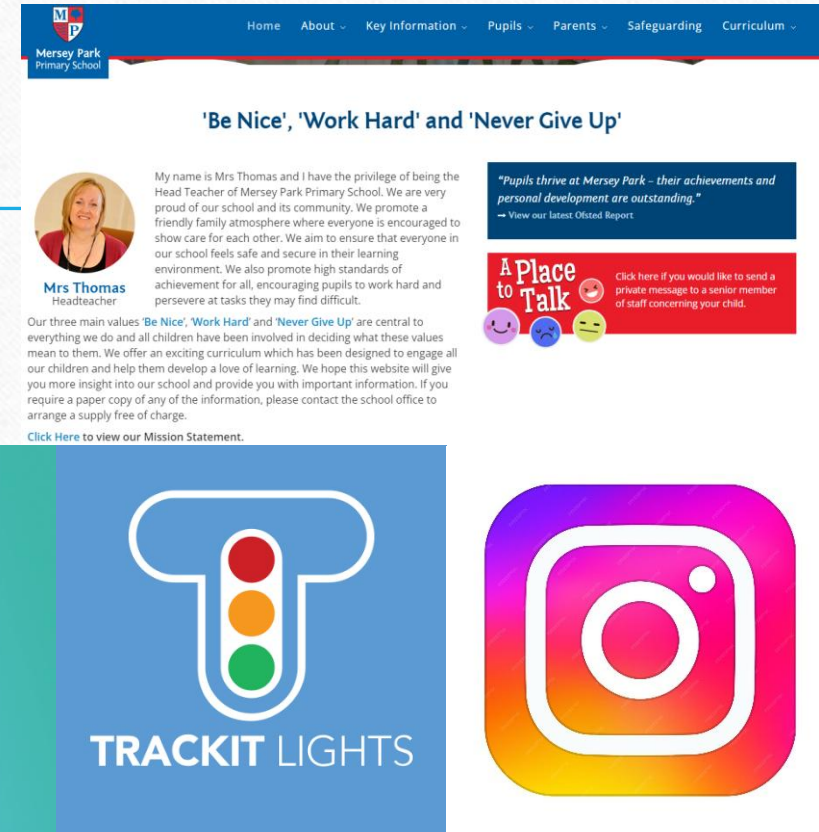
Medical Tracker

- Record and track first aid incidents
- Record and track medication administration
- When necessary, parents/carers will be notified of first aid incidents by email
- Email notification when medication, for example inhalers, are nearly out of date and need replacing

Communication

How do I find out about what is happening in school?

- Our School Website
- Parent App
- Trackit Lights
- Medical Tracker
- Instagram page



e-Safety

Apps & Platforms

- Most social media platforms including TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook and X have minimum age requirements of 13+, making them unsuitable for primary-aged pupils.
- Check age ratings for gaming chat, livestreaming and messaging features
- Use parental controls and private accounts

Social Media Ban

- UK Government has announced plans to ban social media platforms for under-16s from Spring 2027
- Aim: reduce exposure to online harms and addictive features
- Families should build healthy digital habits now

AI Safety

- Talk to your children about AI-generated content and misinformation
- Never share personal information, photos, school details or passwords with AI tools
- Encourage children to check facts with a trusted adult
- Use age-appropriate, supervised AI services only

Top Tips for Parents

- Keep devices in shared family spaces
- Use parental controls
- Set clear screen time limits
- Agree family rules together.
- Use the age ratings for apps, games and social media as a guide for readiness.
- Teach children never to share personal information, passwords, school details or location.
- Encourage children to tell a trusted adult if something online makes them feel worried, upset or uncomfortable.
- Discuss misinformation, AI-generated images and deepfakes so children learn to question what they see online.
- Remind children that not everyone online is who they claim to be.

Delay social media and focus on age-appropriate communication and entertainment platforms., **stay involved, and keep online conversations open.** Be curious, stay involved, and encourage your child to talk openly about their digital life.

Allergy Awareness & Benedict's Law: Information for Parents



Allergy Awareness

- Ensure school records are up to date for your children
- Provide in-date medication if needed, with consent forms completed at the office
- Teach children not to share food or drinks
- Encourage children to speak up if they feel unwell



Benedict's Law

From September 2026, schools in England must legally:

- Have a school allergy policy
- Complete staff training annually
- Hold spare adrenaline auto-injectors on site
- Ensure there is an Individual Healthcare Plan for every child with an allergy



How Parents Can Help

- Report changes to medical needs or conditions quickly to school
- Check medication expiry dates
- Attend review meetings
- Work closely with school
- Reinforce allergy safety and awareness at home and on trips



Together we can create a safe, inclusive environment for every child.



Because life doesn't
come with a manual

Support for Parents/Carers



If you feel you need support for you or your family:

- Speak to our Home/School Liaison Officer - Mrs Hardy - or any member of staff
- Speak to our SENCO team by making an appointment through the office
- Visit our Social Supermarket - open 2.30pm - 3.30pm Monday and Wednesday
- Take a look at the Family Toolbox which gives a wide range of tips and tools for family life - familytoolbox.co.uk
- My Family Coach also provides expert support for every parenting challenge - myfamilycoach.com

Thank-you

Thank-you for giving up your time for this meeting.

If you have any questions at any time, please don't hesitate to speak to us after school.