

14 February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the end of another successful half term at Parkside Community School, I am delighted to share this letter with you.

Parkside reward assemblies

It has been a fantastic half term, with our students working incredibly hard. Many are proud owners of 'best in lesson' awards which gift students 5 praise points. I am thrilled to report that we celebrated a huge number of students in our rewards assemblies this week; many collecting bronze, silver, and gold Parkside badges. These badges are a testament to their dedication and achievements, and I encourage all our students to wear them with pride on their blazers.

Lockdown drill

Parents and carers will be aware of the tragic event that occurred last week in a Sheffield school. It is important that we respond to this and educate our children on this matter. We implemented a series of knife crime mentor activities last week and today students participated in lockdown assemblies and a drill. The safety and well-being of our students is of utmost importance, and we are committed to ensuring that our school remains a safe and secure environment for all.

Arbor Parent App

Next half term we will be phasing out our current ParentPay system, and all payments for your child's meals will be made through the Arbor parent app. More information will be shared in due course but we encourage you to sign up for the app as soon as possible to ensure a seamless transition. The app also provides parents and carers with a direct and convenient way to engage with their child's education. This includes access to your child's attendance, timetable, behaviour, and rewards information in real-time.

Please use the two links below to access user guides for the Arbor Parent App:

https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360034515714-What-are-the-Parent-Portal-and-Parent-App#h_01H90T7S6TNS7N2D12G6286WZD

<https://arbor-education.com/blog-the-arbor-app-is-here/>

Reminder of dates for your diary

- Monday 24 February – students return to school
- Friday 4 April – school closes for Easter
- Monday 21 April – Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 22 April – students return to school

I wish you all a fantastic February half term, and I look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Monday 24 February.

Yours faithfully

Mr Andy Kelly
Headteacher