



# Armley Park Primary School

21 October 2025

Dear parents and carers,

We are nearly at the end of the first half-term of the school year. It has been a great start to the year and the children have all settled into their classes really well.

### Express Yourself Week

This week, all the children across the Owlcotes Multi-Academy Trust have been participating in activities relating to the theme of Express Yourself. The children have been doing art work, making music, developing oracy and using their writing skills to express how they feel. There is an opportunity to come and see your children's work on display on Friday afternoon. The gates will be open from 3pm and you can then collect your children from class before heading into the school hall so they can show you their work. We know the children will be really proud of the work they have produced so please do come and see it if you can.

**Friday is the last day of the half-term and school is closed next week. All pupils return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**

### Attendance and Punctuality

We are really proud of the progress we have made with improving attendance across school over the last few years. We are now in line with national averages which is a huge improvement from two years ago. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to this by coming to school regularly and not missing days without a valid reason.

Although punctuality has improved, we would like to see as many families as possible on the playground at 8.40 so the children can go into their class with their teacher. Learning tasks are available in the classrooms from 8.40 so if they are not here on time, they miss out on this.

### **Reminders:**

**8.30 Gates Open**

**8.40 Children go into class - this is the start of the school day**

**8.50 Gates Close**

### School Uniform

It has been great to see all the children wearing the correct uniform this term so far. Thank you for your support with this. We do understand that there is sometimes a genuine reason why school uniform, including PE kit, is not available but this should not become a regular occurrence. One of our responsibilities in primary schools is to

prepare children for their next stage of learning and that includes the importance of following the expectations around uniform. We have a new School Uniform Policy in place which explains the reasons why we wear uniform, the expectations for what clothing should be worn and what we will do if children are not in uniform.

If children arrive in school and are not wearing the expected school uniform, the following steps will be applied:

- Step 1 – the parents will be contacted and asked to bring the correct uniform to school for the child to change into.
- Step 2 – if the parent is unable to come to school, we will let them know that we are going to ask the child to change into spare clothing so they are in school uniform.
- Step 3 – if there are regular incidents of non-compliance, parents will be invited to meet with staff to discuss the reasons for their child not wearing uniform. The expectations will be reiterated and support will be offered as required.

A copy of the School Uniform Policy can be found on our website - <https://www.armley-pri.leeds.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Policies&pid=25>

We have also noticed some children that are repeatedly wearing jewellery to school. Please remember that the only jewellery allowed in school is stud earrings and a watch. Smart watches are not allowed.

If you have any questions about school uniform, please come and see me. We also have some spare uniform that we can share with families if needed.

Don't forget – we are still running our FREE breakfast club from 8.10 each morning. If you would like to attend, please complete the booking form on Arbor the week before and then we can plan for how many children are coming to make sure we have enough food for everyone.

Thank you for your support as always. We really hope to see lots of you in school on Friday afternoon at 3pm to see the children's work from Focus Week.



Emily Caine  
Headteacher