



School Council

We have the pleasure of announcing our new school councillors for 2017-18. Look out for these badges that they will be wearing proudly from this day onwards.

Our 2017-18 school councillors:

Year 1: Jamil A and Sara K

Year 2: Aya M and Omran AJ

Year 3: Fahad S and Purva N

Year 4: Mason B and Saja A

Year 5: Ali H, Emily P and Kayleigh C

Year 6 Brighton: Mohammed F and Saimah K

Year 6 Reading: Aa'ishah A and Ammar T I

Schools councillors play an important role in the development of the school by conducting surveys, interviewing people to learn more about their roles and making recommendations for change. Being a school councillor gives pupils the opportunity to develop viewpoints, learn to articulate these, conduct surveys and deliver presentations to their class and visitors. School councillors are always elected by their peers. They have to put themselves forward, make a speech about why they would make a good representative for their class and commit to attending meetings with the Head of School and other staff. They are role models for others and as such also occasionally go on special trips. This week they were invited to the Berkley Homes development on the Edgware Road, where they learnt about site safety, took a tour of this huge building development and built a bug hotel.



Place2Talk

Ark Paddington Green works with Place2Be, a national charity supporting schools to improve the confidence and wellbeing of children and young people. Place2Be provides emotional and therapeutic support to pupils, families and staff in more than 250 schools nationwide.

It gives pupils a space to voluntarily express themselves through talking and creative work, and think about any worries they might have. Place2Be also provides support for parents and staff too. Some information is enclosed to tell you more about Place2Be and its work.

One of the most popular aspects of this service is called 'Place2Talk'. It is open to all pupils, and they can make an appointment to spend 15 minutes with a trained counsellor, either by themselves or with a friend. On average, about a third of pupils in Place2Be's schools take advantage of this service every year. Pupils often talk about friendships or any worries they may have. On the back of this newsletter is further information and a slip to complete if you do not want your child to use the service. If you would like to understand more about it, please see Lisa Eyre or Katarine Deeks.

Home-Start volunteering



Are you a parent or grandparent with two or more hours per week to spare?

As a parent, you will know how difficult it can be. Parents supporting other parents: it's a simple idea that really works. By visiting a family in their own home and offering friendship, practical help and emotional support, our volunteers represent a lifeline for many families who are finding it hard to cope.

Volunteers receive accredited training and on-going support from our small and friendly team.

For more information about volunteering for us go to: <http://www.home-startwestminster.org.uk/volunteer>, or call: 020 7724 1345, or email: admin@hswestminster.co.uk.



Ark Paddington Green Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to let you know about Paddington Green’s work with Place2Be, a national charity supporting schools to improve the confidence and wellbeing of children and young people. Place2Be provides emotional and therapeutic support to pupils, families and staff in more than 250 schools nationwide. It gives pupils a space to express themselves through talking and creative work, and think about any worries they might have. Place2Be also provides support for parents and staff too. Some information is enclosed to tell you more about Place2Be and its work.

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Parental consent

Unless we hear otherwise from you, the school and Place2Be will assume that your child has parent/carers’ permission to come to Place2Talk. We also assume you are happy for the school to tell Place2Be your child’s name, date of birth, year group, gender and ethnicity. This information is stored securely and used solely to evaluate Place2Be’s service. Please see the separate sheet, at the end of this letter, for more information on this. If you would like to find out more, please contact Elizabeth Thomas (Place2Be School Project Manager) on 0207 563 6900 who will be very happy to answer any questions. Elizabeth is at school on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Alternatively, if you **do not** want your child to participate in Place2Talk, you may complete and return the slip below by Friday 22nd September.

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I **do not** want my child to participate in Place2Talk.

Name of child/young person..... Class/form

Name of parent/carer

Signature Date

Information for parents/carers/students on what information we collect and why

- Place2Be collects the following information from the school: child’s name, date of birth, year group, gender and ethnicity. We then record brief details of children's appointments and the matters discussed.
- Place2Be collects information to learn about how to give the best possible service to children and families. Place2Be is interested in finding out how the support we provide helps children’s emotional wellbeing and their learning and academic progress. This in turn helps us to secure more funding, and therefore to help more children, by being able to demonstrate that our services are effective. We collect as little personal data as we reasonably can, and store it securely, so that children's privacy is not unduly affected.
- Place2Be also has a responsibility to keep children safe and follow safeguarding procedures as and when required, but otherwise we will never disclose your child's data to third parties without your permission.
- For your information, the Place2Be employee who is responsible for all data we collect is: Nick Herod, CFO (nick.herod@place2be.org.uk).
- We store this data securely for 6 years, and then it is anonymised.
- Your child has a legal right to access their data, ask us to stop processing it, correct any errors in it or delete all data we hold, at any time. Your child (or, where appropriate, you on their behalf) can exercise these rights by contacting Nick Herod. Please also contact him if you have any questions or concerns about our collection of your child's data. If you are not satisfied you can raise concerns with the office of the UK Information Commissioner (www.ico.org.uk).

[We assume that parents/carers will discuss this letter with their children, so that they also understand how and why their data is being collected. Copies of this letter will also be available to children at Place2Talk sessions.]