



**Park Primary School's
*Virtual Learning Environment***

An information leaflet
for
Pupils, parents and
carers.



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What is a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)?

Our VLE is a personalised area on the internet for Park Primary School pupils, teachers, parents and carers. It is an online space where pupils can access learning resources —anytime, anywhere! These learning resources may include quizzes, problems to solve, forum discussions and links to educational websites. Our VLE is designed to help pupils learn at home both independently and in partnership with their parents.

Practical benefits for pupils:

Our Virtual Learning Environment will enable pupils to:

- ✓ access learning materials created by their teachers and others outside lesson time and from any location
- ✓ store work and notes online for use in homework and revision
- ✓ work at their own pace and with a wider choice of learning styles
- ✓ improve their ICT skills and online management
- ✓ participate in live discussions and forums with other students and teachers

Practical benefits for parents & carers:

Our Virtual Learning Environment will enable parents and carers to:

- ✓ support children with learning which takes place outside school
- ✓ access their child's personal home page to keep track of their work and the curriculum
- ✓ engage with wider school issues through online communication tools
- ✓ become active partners with the school

If you do not have a computer with internet access, please let your child's teacher know. Some activities added to the VLE can be made available as a paper copy. We also recommend the use of other services with internet access such as Aldershot library.



Logging on to the VLE

The easiest way to find our VLE is through the school's website at:

<http://www.park-pri.hants.sch.uk> then click on Db primary which is on the right hand box of the welcome page.

You will now be viewing **Park Primary School VLE**:



Enter your username and password into the cloud:



You will now be logged on to Park Primary's VLE.

Hope you enjoy using it!

E-Safety

1. Please reinforce the Children's Guidelines with your child at home (see below).
2. DB Primary does not filter the internet, so you need to have your own internet firewall and parental controls set up.
3. If your child finds any inappropriate material on the learning platform please inform the school immediately or use the Whistle Monitor feature (details below).
4. Anything your child puts onto DB Primary can be seen by members of staff.

Children's Guidelines

- ★ Sensible behaviour when using the emails / blogs or forums.
- ★ Make sure that any pictures you upload (profile picture, or pictures in posts) are suitable for a school audience.
- ★ Keep your personal details, password safe.
- ★ Write in full sentences.
- ★ Sensibly express your opinions in forums.
- ★ Email your friends outside school time.
- ★ Share links to sites by posting them in your blog / forums.

Whistle Monitor: reporting inappropriate content



If a child or parent finds any content they believe is inappropriate, they can report this to a nominated "Whistle Monitor" at the school by clicking on the whistle icon. Having clicked on the whistle, a dialogue box will appear which will allow for an explanation to be entered. The dialogue box will state who will receive the report.

Once you click on 'Send' this will email the details to the nominated member(s) of staff. The email will contain a link and brief description of the offending page.

The Whistle Monitor ensures that children are able to use the platform in a safe and secure way.

Internet Safety websites:

It is important for our pupils to use the Internet safely at school and at home. Please spend some time looking at these Internet Safety websites:

Think you know

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

KidSMART

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

BBC Staysafe

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/help/web/staysafe>

