

Park Mead Primary School Contextual Information – '2024-25'

Date Updated: September 2024

Executive Headteacher: Mr James Procter

Head of School: Mrs Heidi West

Senior Teachers: Mrs Jenn Adams & Mrs Natalie Riley

Chair of Governors: Mr Alan Brundle

URN: 114408 **DfE No:** 845/2076

Local authority: East Sussex

Type of Federation/Partnerships: Pioneer Federation of 6 schools

Age range of pupils: 4-11

- In **April 2019**, Park Mead achieved a 'Good' Ofsted.
- In **July 2019**, the KS2 outcomes were in the bottom 5% nationally with Maths progress scores of -9.6 and attainment outcomes below NA in KS2 and KS1.
- In **August 2020**, the previous Park Mead headteacher left and the school went to partnership with Pioneer Federation.
- In **October 2020**, LA categorised the school as 'Requires Improvement/Inadequate'. [See SIP reports 2020](#).
- In **2020-21**, significant school improvements were made in terms of curriculum, premises and learning environment, policies, book standards, pupil expectations and behaviour and outcomes. [See SIP reports 20-21](#)
- In **August 2021**, the previous inherited Head of School left after being off work for 4 months.
- In **September 2021**, Park Mead formally joined Pioneer Federation as the 4th school.
- In **2021/22** school improvements (curriculum redesign) and staff cpd continued and were embedded. Park Mead was categorised by LA as a 'Good' school – October 2021. [See SIP reports 21-23](#)
- In **September 2021**, Mrs Heidi West (previous Park Mead Senior Teacher) was appointed as permanent Head of School and Mrs Jenn Hodd & Mrs Natalie Riley as Senior Teachers. The Executive Head, James Procter, splits his time equally between the 6 Pioneer schools.
- In **July 2022**, KS2 outcomes were in the top 20% of East Sussex schools, all outcomes above NA/LA with significant positive progress in all subjects. (Maths at +1.6, Reading +3.1 & Writing +2.8).
- In **2023**, KS2 outcomes were above NA with positive progress figures and Reading outcomes were in the top 10% of East Sussex schools. <https://pioneerfederation.co.uk/pupil-outcomes/> In **2024**, all outcomes were at or above NA.
- As a staff team **2019-2024**, we have collaboratively redesigned the Pioneer curriculum to ensure total clarity of intent/purpose, developing a broad/balance/ inclusive and inspiring curriculum for all. Our LA School Improvement Partner concluded in March 2024, that 'The Exec Head and HoS know Park Mead very well and this knowledge is put to excellent use. They are driven and passionate about their children succeeding and have developed a school in which they can do just that. *Park Mead children are confident and able to speak about their learning and how it relates to what they learnt in previous classes*'. East Hoathly had an Ofsted inspection in **June 2024** the Pioneer curriculum was judged as '*The ambitious curriculum is well-designed and logically sequenced. Pupils build on their prior learning well. As a result, their skills and knowledge become increasingly sophisticated.*'
- In **2023-2024**, Park Mead had Local Authority monitoring visits for both 'Safeguarding' and 'Health & Safety'. The reports concluded that 'Safeguarding is effective' and 'pupils are safeguarded well at this school' & '91% healthy and safety outcome, classified as outstanding.'
- Park Mead Primary School is at present a '**good school with outstanding qualities**' with aspirations to be outstanding in all areas in the near future.
- The **Pioneer Federation** consists of 6 Primary schools and has an outward facing approach to school improvement. The Executive Head now splits his time equally between the 6 schools and the 6 schools work very closely & collaboratively in all aspects of school development- e.g. shared subject leadership, combined budget etc. East Hoathly Primary federated with Chiddingly Primary in November 2015. In September 2017 the

federation went to a soft partnership with St Mary's CE Primary in Hartfield and Federated in September 2018. In September 2020, the federation went into a soft partnership with Park Mead Primary and they joined the Federation from September 2021. In September, Groombridge Primary & Nutley CE Primary went into partnership with Pioneer.


- The Pioneer Federation is in consultation with the Chichester Diocese, DOCET, DBE, ESCC, RSC and DfE regarding become a separate Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) in its own right, catering for small school in Sussex. See [SDP 24-25 section 2.4.](#)

Is there stability in leadership? In staffing? What is the profile of staffing?		SLT: Exec Head, HOS, Senior Teachers x2, Inc Manager 4 teachers (Reception, Year 1-2, Year 3-4 and Year 5-6) Subject Leaders across the Federation	
How does the school work across the EIP/Alliance/Federation and through NLE and other outreach roles?		Part of the Ringmer Alliance and Ashdown EIP Subject leaders lead their subject across the Pioneer federation. HOS leads MHWB & PSHE Senior Teacher x2 lead Humanities & Maths Reception teacher leads Pupils as Leaders Y3/4 teacher leads DT ExHT part of small sch LA committee and undertakes NLE work for LA – supporting other sch in E.Sussex	
Pupil Information	Total on roll	93	
	Reception (Willows)	14	
	Year 1/2 (Chestnuts)	Year 1: 10 Year 2: 14	
	Year 3/4 (Maples)	Year 3: 16 Year 4: 11	
	Year 5/6 (Oaks)	Year 5: 11 Year 6: 17	
	Gender	Boys: 44 Girls: 49	
	What % of pupils come from the village?		
	Upper / Lower Dicker	10%	
	Hailsham	80%	
Other	10%		

Vulnerable Groups:	Make up of pupil population:									
						Park Mead			National Average	
	Minority ethnic groups %					0			NA 33.8%	
	FSM/PPG					17 pupils 18%			NA 23%	
	SEND					21 pupils 22.5%			NA- 12.6%	
	No. boys		No. girls		% of class	PPG	No. boys	No. girls	% of class	
	SEN Support	EHCP	SEN Support	EHCP		R- 14				
R- 14	1	0	0	0	7%	Y1 – 10	1	0	12.5%	
Y1 – 10	2	0	0	0	16%	Y2 – 14	1	1	14%	
Y2 – 14	1	0	1	0		Y3 – 16	0	1		
Y3 – 16	4	0	0	0	22%	Y4 – 11	2	1	32%	
Y4 – 11	1	0	2	0		Y5 – 11	3	2		
Y5 – 11	2	0	2	0	32%	Y6 -17	2	2		
Y6 -17	3	0	2	0						
Current Staffing:	Name					Post Held				
	Mr J Procter					Executive Headteacher				
	Mrs H West					Head of School, DSL (Federation MHWB and PSHE lead)				
	Mrs J Adams					DDSL, Senior Teacher & Year 1&2 Teacher (Federation Humanities lead)				
	Mrs N Riley					DDSL, Senior Teacher & Year 5 & 6 Teacher (Joint Federation Maths lead)				
	Mr M Lulham					Year 3 & 4 Teacher (Federation DT Lead)				
	Mrs G May					Reception Class Teacher & PM Pupils as Leaders lead.				
	Mrs C Taiclet					Teaching Assistant				
	Mrs K Mateides					Teaching Assistant				

	Mrs S Hale	Teaching Assistant
	Mrs C Luckhurst	Teaching Assistant
	Mrs H Wood	Teaching Assistant
	Mrs A Sharp	Forest School Lead
	Mr A Huggett	IT Technician
	Mrs S Leahy	Inclusion Manager
	Mrs J Wicks/Mrs F Wylie	Pioneer Federation Bursars
	Mr S Rodrigues	Caretaker
	Mr A Elphick	PE Coach (& CEO of 'Active Education Sussex')
	Mrs J Davidson & Mrs L Fairfield (Fri)	School Secretary

School day Timetable	8:40-8:50	8:50-9:00	9:00-9:30	9:30-10:30	10.30	10.45- 11	11:05 – 12:00	12:00 – 13:00	13.00- 15.00	15.15
	School gates open	Registration	Spelling, Phonics or reading	<i>Maths or English</i>	Assembly	Break	Maths or Literacy	Lunch time	Afternoon Learning	<i>Home time</i>

Documented evidence of the work of those responsible for governance and their priorities, including any written scheme of delegation for an academy in a MAT	https://pioneerfederation.co.uk/about-the-governors/
	 <p>Scheme of Delegation - Pione</p>

A summary of any school self-evaluation or equivalent	https://pioneerfederation.co.uk/parkmead/lead-inspector/
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