



# LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

A very warm welcome back to a new year at Lionel Walden School. I do hope that you have all had a lovely summer break and found time to do some exciting things with family and friends. It will be lovely to see smiling and happy children in school once more and ready to learn! We are also excited to welcome new faces to our Pre-School!

Just a few reminders before the term begins on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024:

## The start of the day

The gates will open each day at 8:35am and class doors will open very soon afterwards to ensure children are in school by 8:45am. Staff will be on hand each morning at the front and rear of the school to help in any way.

- Year 6 will enter via the main entrance
- Year 5 will enter via the Year 5 door
- Year 4 will enter via the rear of the building
- Year 3 will enter via the rear conservatory
- Year 2 will enter via the rear conservatory
- Year 1 will enter via the small Year 1 gate.
- Reception will enter via the Annex main door and Pre-School will enter via the small gate as usual.

Bikes and scooters can be left safely in the bike shed outside Year 4. For safety reasons, please do not let your children ride or scooter down the pedestrian path.

Children who attend Lion's Den Breakfast Club will be escorted by staff to their classrooms at the end of the club/start of school day.

## The end of the day

All children will leave via the same entrance they entered in the morning. Children in Years 4 and below will be expected to be picked up by a known adult at the end of the day, unless you have informed the office of any alternative arrangements. Children in Years 5 and 6 will be allowed to leave the premises to make their own way home, unless you have informed the office of any alternative arrangements.

Please note that in order to ensure the safety of children, **no child will be released to an unknown adult/friend/another parent etc without your prior consent given via the office.** In the event that a person not known to be authorised to pick up your child arrives to collect, we will contact you to gain permission to release your child.

## Lion's Den

Children who are due to attend the Lion's Den After School club will be escorted to the club from their classes at the end of the day. The office must be informed of any last-minute changes to attendance. Please be aware that last minute cancellations may incur costs.

## Clubs

Children attending any afterschool clubs will be escorted to the club at the end of the day.





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## Road Safety

The majority of our children walk to school and many use the pedestrian crossing safely to cross the road. If you use the car to travel to school, then please can I ask that you are mindful of our neighbours and park sensibly. The school car park must not be used to pick up or drop children off.

## Uniform

We are very proud to see children coming into school every day wearing Lionel Walden uniform. The school uniform plays a key role in fostering a sense of belonging and pride among children. It also helps to create a positive atmosphere where everyone feels equal and ready to learn. Uniform does not have to be branded with the school logo, but please adhere to the school colours.

We will continue to allow children to come to school on PE days in PE kits. Please ensure that kits are school colours. See our Uniform page on our website for details.

## PE Days

During the Autumn Term, the following days are PE days for specific year groups:

- Year 1 – Tuesday and Fridays. Forest School outdoor sessions will continue on a Friday morning. (Children should arrive dressed for the outdoor session and bring their PE kit to change in to for the afternoon session.)
- Year 2 – Tuesday and Thursday
- Year 3 – Wednesday and Friday.
- Year 4 – Monday and Wednesday
- Year 5 – Tuesday and Thursday
- Year 6 – Thursday and Friday. Year 6 will be swimming on a Friday for the first half of the term

Reception children will not require PE kit until the Spring Term, when timetabled dedicated PE lessons will begin.

## Attendance

As mentioned before we broke up for the summer, the Government have made changes to school attendance, notably increasing unauthorised sessions from 6 to 10 (3 – 5 days) and increasing the amounts parents/carers can be fined. In line with schools in the LA, Lionel Walden Attendance Policy has been adjusted accordingly. As in line with the guidance, the school will not authorise term-time holidays. You can find further information on attendance, and procedures to follow should you wish to request leave of absence on our website.

The school has very good attendance by many pupils, with authorised absences for illness or medical appointments, for example, comparing favourably with other schools. We are always keen to work with parents to ensure that children attend school regularly and encourage them to contact the school.

## Curriculum Sways

Look out for these in the next few weeks. They will provide you with information about what your child will be learning over the Autumn term in your child's particular year group.

## Dates for your diary

As always, you can find upcoming dates for events on our website calendar or on our 'Dates for your Diary' Sway. These will be updated over the next few weeks with more events for the Autumn term.

[Dates for your diary - Autumn Term 2024 \(cloud.microsoft\)](#)

The office will be open Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. It will be closed Wednesday morning due to Safeguarding training. As always, we are here to help so please contact us if you have any questions or need support.

Kind regards,

Mr Abey