



# LING MOOR

## A PRIORY ACADEMY

### NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2018



#### Welcome back

We are delighted to welcome back all of the Ling Moor Family to the new academic year. To those of you who are new to the school, we wish you the warmest of welcomes and look forward to enabling the children to have a successful transition into life at Ling Moor.

This summer has been a very busy summer for all of the staff at Ling Moor as they have prepared for the new academic year. Many of the classrooms have been decorated and our Foundation Stage space has gone through a bit of a transformation with more open space and new toilet facilities. We are really pleased that we have been able to carry out this work and want to thank the Local Governing Body and the Priory Trustees for supporting the project. Through the course of the year there will be further work to improve the school site and make it an even better place for learning.

We spend a lot of time at the Academy focusing on 'Ling Moor Learning' – you have probably heard it talked about in our end of week celebration assembly - and this becomes one of our key themes of the school year. We really want all of the children to understand what it means to be a Ling Moor Learner and through the course of the year we will be celebrating this with them.

Please do ask your children what they think it means to be a Ling Moor Learner as we want them to be able to communicate very clearly what it means to be a successful learner.

A definition of Ling Moor Learning is provided below. It includes lots of complex language and one of the challenges over the course of the academic year is to support the children in understanding this.

*'Ling Moor Learning' is a culture of our Academy. It should be present in every learning opportunity every day. Our learners show Ling Moor Learning when they have a confidence and self-belief in their ability and are willing to take risks. They are resilient; showing perseverance and stamina when faced with challenge. They work with independence but are generous with their thoughts and are supportive of others. Ling Moor Learners are self-disciplined, respectful and committed to being successful. They are aware of others and show humility, empathy and take responsibility for their own and others success.*

Another key area of focus this year is to develop the passion for reading through the Academy. As children spend more time on technology, we are finding that children are reading less. We want them to read more and we will be really striving to instil a passion for reading. Reading really is the key to all learning and we need the children to be reading each and every day.

We have purchased a system called My Book Blog for our older children and we will be sharing more news about this over the next month – it is a really exciting way for children to engage in reading. Everything that you can do to support reading at home is very much appreciated. Please try to attend the parent's My Book Blog information meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm.



## Open Evening

We will once again be opening the doors to families of those children who will be starting reception in September 2019 for them to visit Ling Moor. Our open evening is on the 6<sup>th</sup> November from 5pm to 7pm. Please spread the word to any friends, family or members of the local community. We are also able to show families around the academy during the school day.

## Parking

The Academy receives regular communications from residents about insensitive parking. For those of you who drive your children to school, please remember to park sensitively and safely. The Centurian pub and Lidl have plenty of parking space and are happy for parents to park there to walk children to school (just remember the 2-hour limit at Lidl).

We would also like to remind you that the main car park is not to be used between the hours of 8.30am and 9.00am. At this time there are children moving around the site and we need to do ensure it is safe.

We are really disappointed that our overflow car park has become an area where people are congregating at night in their vehicles. Unfortunately, we now need to use precious Academy funds to secure the car park during the evening. If you see any anti-social behaviour in the car park after school hours, we would urge you to report it to the police. It is private property and they are trespassing. Once the barriers are installed we will be carrying out a full clean of the car park.

## Uniform

All of the children look splendid in their uniforms so thank you for supporting the Academy with its high standards of dress. Uniform is available from Uniform Direct.

## Holidays

Further to the communication sent last year regarding holidays, please do remember that the school is only able to authorise absence in exceptional circumstances. All requests of absence for family holidays without supporting evidence of exceptional circumstances will be declined – this may result in a fine being imposed.

## Messages

The Academy office is very busy throughout the course of the school day and we often receive requests to pass on information to children about changes to the end of the day routines. Please try to make sure that your child knows their arrangements for the end of the day. Miss Smalley and Mrs Binnie would really appreciate your support with this.

## Calendar

The Academy calendar is live with important dates for the year. We have tried to put all of the dates possible as we appreciate families require as much notices as possible. We will let you know of any changes via email as soon as a date changes.

## Free School Meals

Please do check whether you are able to claim a Free School Meal (FSM) for your child. All children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free meal but we would urge you to still check the link as it can provide the Academy with access to increased funding that benefits the outcomes of the children.

<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>

The link can also be found on the Academy's website.



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