



LING MOOR

A PRIORY ACADEMY

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Welcome back to a new academic year – again it promises to be full of excitement and outstanding learning. The children have really impressed all of the staff in the application and commitment that they have already shown at the start of this academic year. Each morning the children have been here on time, ready to learn and full of focus – thank you!

At Ling Moor we are constantly striving to ensure the children have the best possible experience - there is a real drive and passion from all of the staff to keep improving. Our key areas of focus this year are:

Curriculum – Does the Ling Moor curriculum provide the best learning experience for the children?

Reading – How can we ensure that all children read with fluency and have a love of reading?

Well-being – How do we ensure that all of the children are physically and mentally well?

Challenge and extension – How do we best deepen children's thinking and knowledge?

Alongside these key areas, we will continue to deepen the children's understanding of what makes a Ling Moor Learner and what it means to be a member of the Ling Moor Family.

The Academy staff will be engaging with families about their child's learning through the course of the year and we will be sharing dates of various parent meetings and workshops shortly. As always, if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's time at Ling Moor, please speak to their class teacher or contact Mr Sisman.

Staffing changes

We would like to welcome Miss Litowczyk (Lit-off-check) to the Academy. She is joining our teaching team working with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. Another change will see Mrs Binnie leaving Ling Moor in the near future to take up another position within the Trust. She has given many years of dedication and hard work to the Academy and we all wish her well in her new position. Miss Smalley will be taking on the lead administrator role and we are in the process of recruiting a new member of admin staff. There may be a little disruption during the handover, but we will endeavour to keep this to a minimum.

Outdoor areas and allotment

Developing our outdoor areas will be of high priority this academic year as we want to get the children outside planting and growing even more. After a summer that was perfect weather for weeds, we have lots of tidying up to do in the next few weeks and planting ready for the next season. If anyone can help with our allotment, we would be extremely grateful – please do contact Mrs Wall.

Our outdoor planting areas have become a bit of a menace to maintain and it is fair to say they are in a bit of a state at the moment. Please bear with us as we tidy them up. We are waiting for a gardener to start completing some work at the Academy in the next few weeks.

We are also on the lookout for donations of fruit trees, plants and bushes that we can plant around the Academy. Again if you can help, please let Mrs Wall know.



Open Afternoon & Evening

We will once again be opening the doors to families of those children who will be starting reception in September 2020 for them to visit Ling Moor. Our open afternoon and evening is on the 6th November. The afternoon session will run from 1.30pm to 3.00pm with the evening from 5pm to 7pm. Please spread the word to any friends, family or members of the local community who have children starting school in September 2020. We are also able to show families around the academy during the school day by appointment.

Food Ordering

Please can you ensure that food orders for the school lunches are placed on time. The kitchen is an increasingly popular choice for our families but we are struggling to process late orders – there simply is not enough time to order the food and have it delivered if orders are not received on time. We appreciate your support with this.

Parking

Please remember to park sensitively and with thought around the Academy site. We do receive occasional complaints when members of the Ling Moor community park their cars across drives or disrupt access for local residents. Please remember to park safely and with an awareness of the community. The Centurion pub and Lidl have



Recycling

We continue to collect crisp packets and batteries at the Academy so please do keep collecting. We don't want to encourage you to eat more crisps, but if you do have empty packets, the Academy can benefit financially by collecting them. If anyone is able to set up a collection at work or home and then drop into the Academy, we would be grateful.

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 will also be closing the gates from 2.45pm to 3.15pm.

Thank you to those families who are dropping off at Bubbles and parking outside the Academy gates. The staff really do appreciate having a space to park in when they arrive in the morning.

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. This is often very disruptive to learning so please try to make sure that your child knows their arrangements for the end of the day.

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.

FSM

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.

Twitter and email

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