



LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents / carers

Welcome Back!

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I welcome you to this new year at Lionel Walden. I hope that you all have had a great holiday and spent some quality family time together. I know for some of our children (and parents), the summer holiday is a long one and I am sure that many are excited to return to see their friends and teachers again. I too am eager to start the term and begin to meet you all. It is wonderful to see smiling faces at the start of each day and I am really looking forward to meeting you at the gate each morning. I understand that a change can be a nervous time for some and I would encourage you to please get in touch should you or your children have any worries about the new term.

Alongside myself, we have other new members of the teaching team. Miss King will be our Reception teacher; Mr. Davison will teach Year 1 and Miss Thomas will be Year 6 teacher. They are as excited as I am to join the team and cannot wait to get started.

As ever, home-school communication is vital to enable us to share valuable information about your child's time in school and to celebrate achievements. Alongside the emails and letters you receive, we have now set up our Facebook page to share some of the great things that are happening in school. Please search for us @lionelwaldenprimaryschool and give us a like. Alternatively, scan the QR code to be taken to the page. We respectfully ask that you adhere to the notice pinned on the page and any communications about children are done through phone or email rather than using Facebook.

You will find some important information about the return to school below. If you have any questions then please contact the office in the first instance: office@lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk

Let's have a great term together!

Mr. Abey

Headteacher





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Staffing

Below is a list of class teachers and year groups for 2022-23.

Pre-School Mrs C Covill / Mrs Z Fitzpatrick / Mrs N Burgess

Year EYFS Miss S King Year 1 Mr C Davison

Year 2 Miss H Watts Year 3 Mrs S Harrison/Mrs N Bayes

Year 4 Miss V Bennett Year 5 Mrs F McLean/Mrs R Wilson

Year 6 Miss A Thomas

SENCo Mrs R Wilson Deputy Head Mrs N Bayes

School times and attendance



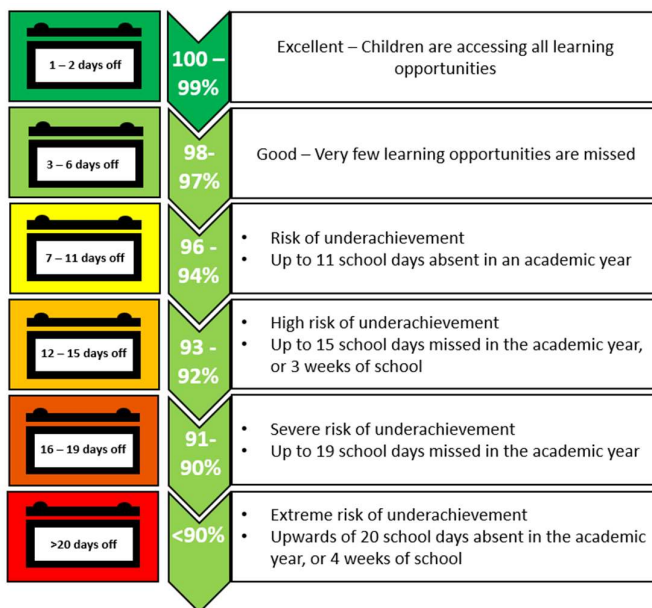
The school day for children begins at **8:45 am** and ends at **3:15 pm**. The school gates will open at **8:35 am** to allow a prompt start to the day. **Registers will close at 8:55 am** and after such time children will be marked as late. Lateness can disrupt the start of the day for a child and we strongly encourage punctuality

to ensure the best start for your child. If you find getting your child to school on time difficult, then please reach out to us for advice and support.

Excellent attendance really does make a difference to the experience a child gets at school.

Missed days means missed learning, and often children find it harder when they return due to this.

We appreciate that illness cannot be avoided, but we follow county guidance regarding holidays and will not authorise holidays in term time.





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Building works



As you may be aware from previous correspondence, building work will continue into the Autumn term. A new lobby will ensure that the building entrance is a more welcoming and secure space and a new perimeter fence will add further security to the school site. Unfortunately, as with many projects, unforeseen circumstances have meant that the project is slightly behind schedule. We are working with the contractors to ensure that the school grounds are safe for use by staff and pupils and you can be assured that the health and

safety of all is paramount.

Contractors are working hard to minimise disruption and therefore entering and exiting the school at the start and end of the school day will remain as normal – entry is down the pedestrian walkway to the left of the building, exiting via the vehicular exit on the right.

Pre-School collections and drop-offs at lunchtime (11:55am) will be via the vehicular access only.

There will be no access to the main office during the works. Staff at the gate will gladly help and take messages during the start and end of the day. Should you need to speak directly to the office, it is advisable to ring or email. A visitor's bell has been installed at the side exit door on the right of the building should you need to come to the school during the day.

Reception

Miss King is really looking forward to welcoming all our children to Reception. She has been busy over the holidays making the space as inviting and interesting as possible. Children will come into Reception at staggered times on the first Monday morning only. Parents have been emailed specific time slots to bring their children into school. It would be appreciated if you could stick to the times given to you to ensure that Miss King has enough time to meet and greet you and answer any questions you may have.

If you have any questions regarding transition, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Salisbury in the School Office.

Uniform

The school uniform consists of a black, navy or grey skirt or pinafore dress, or grey or black trousers with a white shirt and a navy sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan. **No 'hoodies', please.**

Black shoes are preferred - sports shoes should be worn for outdoor P.E./games. P.E. kit should consist of a plain white T-shirt with navy or white shorts.



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PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING IS LABELLED CLEARLY WITH THEIR NAME - any misplaced items can then be returned to the owner.

Jewellery should not be worn, except for small, stud earrings, if essential, for pierced ears. Please note that no earrings are to be worn for any P.E. or swimming lesson – children must be able to remove them themselves prior to the lesson or have them removed at home on days when P.E. is timetabled. Nail varnish and false nails should not be worn.

We would appreciate everyone adhering to the recommended school uniform.

P.E. Days

Children may continue to come into school wearing the correct P.E. kits on the days that they have P.E. On cooler days, children should wear their school sweatshirt or jumper over their P.E. tops.

No jewellery should be worn in school except for small stud earrings. These must be removed independently by your child before P.E. and swimming lessons. Alternatively, they should be removed before coming to school. Thank you for adhering to this safety requirement.

P.E days for each year group is as follows:

Reception – Taught P.E will commence after October half term. However, regular physical activities are built in daily for pupils to develop a wide range of skills.

Year 1 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 3 – Thursday and Friday

Year 4 – Thursday and Friday. (Year 4 will be swimming on a Friday afternoon until half term. Year 5 will swim after half term)

Year 5 – Monday and Friday

Year 6 – Monday and Friday

School Lunches



Our fantastic cooks continue to make healthy and nutritious meals for our children. All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to free school meals, funded by Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative. The cost for years 3,4,5, & 6 children is **£2.50** per day or £12.50 per week. **Please pay using the online payment facility – Pay360 Education Payments.**

Healthy eating for all – if your child prefers to bring in their own packed lunch, then please try to encourage a healthy box. Following guidance from the School Food Trust, the following drinks are allowed with packed lunches: fruit/vegetable juice, milk or yogurt drinks.

We try hard to encourage 'Healthy Lifestyles' for our children.



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Swimming

Swimming will take place each Friday afternoon throughout the year. Year 4 will swim for the first half of the Autumn term and year 5 will swim in the second half. Please ensure that children bring correct kit in on those days and are jewellery free! It is really important that children attend these sessions as they are part of the PE curriculum. We understand that some children can be a little apprehensive at first but this is an important skill to learn, especially when living in the Fens so close to dykes and rivers.

The Lion's Den Out of School club

We provide an out of school child care facility both before and after school. During term time Breakfast club operates from 7:45 am until 8:45 am at a cost of £5 per session. Out of School Club operates from 3:15pm to 6pm weekdays at a cost of £4.50 per hour. Places are limited and if you wish to use this facility then please contact our office to book a place or be added to the waiting list.

And finally...

Lionel Walden School Association

Want to be part of a team of great volunteers who help run fundraising events for the school? If you have some spare time or just want to get involved with school life, then we want you! We are looking for enthusiastic helpers to join us! Please contact the office in the first instance to enquire further. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is booked in for the **14th September** – why not come along to it to find out more!