



LING MOOR

A PRIORY ACADEMY

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April always brings the joy of new families accepting places at Ling Moor and we are delighted to welcome our new families to the Ling Moor Family. It is pleasing that we continue to be a popular choice for so many families and we would like to thank you all for sharing so many positive comments about what we provide for the children at Ling Moor.

The parents of Ling Moor really do buy into our culture and ethos and we would like to thank you for this. We believe that it is the partnership and quality of communication that makes a real difference to the children. From the Ling Moor team – thank you!

Generosity is one of the key values of our Ling Moor Family and during the Easter break it was in abundance as a group of children, staff and parents came together to transform the pond and wildlife area. Thank you to all of you who gave up time to come and help. The pond area looks amazing and we are sure that the children are going

to experience lots of superb learning in what is now an incredible space.

Thank you to Total Aggregates for their donation of stones and the generosity of our amazing Friends of Ling Moor who have funded the resources and much of the prep work. We would also like to say thank you to the Environment Agency who have agreed to come and pump water into the pond.

Thank you also for your wonderful generosity for our latest sponsored event. It was lovely to be able to support St Barnabas, a charity very close to the hearts of the Ling Moor Family, again. The children had a great time hopping around! Thank you for your efforts in raising a further £952 for such a great cause.

As the Academy has continued to feel more and more like normal each day, we have continued to see the children's learning blossom. The Ling Moor team could not be more impressed with the learning that takes

place – the resilience our Ling Moor learners has shown is truly magnificent. We are witnessing superb writing, high levels of stamina in reading and impressive recall in maths. We are also seeing so much creativity, learning of wider knowledge and problem solving throughout the curriculum.

Please do pass on a huge well-done to your child/children as they really are striving to be the best they can be and showing fantastic Ling Moor learning.

COVID-19 update

We continue to be putting in place the expected measures to keep everyone as safe as possible at the Academy and we really do appreciate your continued support. As the government road map continues to inform the activities we can all do, it is important that we await government guidance before we change any of our expectations or procedures. As soon as changes are possible, we will of course update you. Thank you to everyone for continuing to be vigilant and for following the procedures that we have in place.

Sports days & Events

With the uncertainty COVID-19 brings, we continue to be very cautious about promising events that we may not be able to fulfil. We have lots of plans in place for the summer and we will be releasing information about these events as soon as we know they can take place safely and within the guidance. As you would expect, our diary is very full of exciting things for the children.

For our sports days this year we are anticipating that we will not be able to hold them with the usual numbers of

people on site. We know that many of you book time off work to attend them so for convenience for everyone, we are going to state now that sports days will run without parents in attendance this year. For that reason the format will be very different.

Sports and PE kit

The choice to move to a sports kit for those days where children are taking part in sports has proved extremely popular and as previously stated will be something that continues into the future. Our uniform expectations can be found here: [Ling Moor Uniform](#)

On the days that the children have sports, they must wear their school jumper or cardigan. In colder weather, other layers are encouraged for outside but whilst in school, the Academy jumpers/cardigans should be worn. Please note the change to navy shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms as of September 2021.

Survey

This week we have sent out a link to our annual Local Governing Body survey. Please do take time to complete the survey so that the Academy can hear your views. We cannot stress how important this is as the desire of the Academy to keep improving and continuing to provide the best for your children is so important to us all. [Ling Moor Parent Survey](#)

Online safety

The children's access to life online is something that is unprecedented and their access continues to grow. We appreciate that the online world offers many parenting challenges and the need to keep the children safe in an unknown world can feel tough. Online safety is one of our key safeguarding focuses as we move forwards and we want to ensure that you feel equipped to manage the many questions you will face as your children get older. We have recently updated our website to signpost you to more information. Please look out for upcoming events and developments in this area. We are always looking at how we can improve safeguarding in this area and would welcome questions or suggestions. Our updated online safety information can be found here [Online Safety](#)

