



LING MOOR

A PRIORY ACADEMY

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It has been a pleasure to welcome all of the children back to Ling Moor following the summer break. All of the staff have been so impressed with the children's learning, care for each other and desire to be successful. Thank you for your support in making the start so positive.

We begin our academic year with the value of courage. We have challenged the children to focus on being courageous in the choices they make about their actions – doing the right thing because it is the right thing to do – and also being courageous in how they are friends. Our definition of being a good friend is someone who helps others be the best they can be. The children are certainly living up to the challenge.

During this month, we will also be launching our new Achieve and Aspire program. The children from Year 3 upwards will receive their own booklet

of challenges and activities that we would like them to complete. During Year 2, the children will be introduced to the programme. The activities are linked to the curriculum but also involve experiences the children have at home and in the community. Please take time to read the booklet and encourage your child to engage with the challenges. The challenges build towards a Year 6 completion and this will be where they are rewarded with their Priory Star for completing the challenges.

Curriculum news

Offering the highest standard of curriculum for the children is something that we take enormous pride in. We want to make sure that parents are able to see the curriculum we are delivering so you know what is happening in your child's classroom and support where necessary at home. It is really important to us that parents

know what their child is learning and the key skills being focused on.

All of the curriculum information is available at Ling Moor Primary School - Curriculum (lingmooracademy.co.uk). If you have any questions, please do talk to your child's class teacher. Throughout the year, there will be various meetings to update you with key information (including parent's meetings) such as residential visits, assessment and specific areas of learning.

The teachers at Ling Moor will always make themselves available to you, so please do contact them if you have any questions. First thing in the morning is not a great time as they need to be there for the children and their learning so please do email through so they can contact you.

COVID-19

In line with the national picture, there will inevitably be disruptions and changes due to covid this year. Our intentions are to provide an experience that is as close to normal as possible for the children but please keep in mind that there are pressures that may lead to last minute changes or a shift in what we can offer.

In order to minimise disruption, please do keep high levels of vigilance for covid symptoms and take a cautious approach. Our cleaning, ventilation and hygiene regimes will continue to be maintained.

Building work – Key Stage 1 playground

One of the aims of the Academy is to keep providing the best facilities for the children and we are now moving into

our next phase – the improvements to the Key Stage 1 playground. We are extremely excited about the work planned. This will provide the children with an incredible learning space that will fuel their imagination, generate lots of opportunities to develop their communication skills and help them develop physically.

With all improvements, there comes a period of disruption, noise and mess but we are working with the wonderful Newby leisure who will keep disruption to a minimum. The work will begin on October 4th and we will need your support during the drop off and pick up to make sure things continue to run smoothly. There are no changes planned to access but space on the Key Stage 1 playground will be a little tighter at pick up and drop offs.

Clubs

Our new club offer has been shared with parents and it has been great to see so many of the children signing up for them. Please do encourage your child to take part in the clubs. If cost is an issue, please do email the Academy. We are more than welcome to suggestions for clubs so please do catch Mr Sisman if you have any ideas or can offer anything.

Uniform

The children look splendid in their uniforms and your support in meeting the expectations has been fantastic – thank you. We continue to receive lots of donations of high quality second hand uniform so our thrift shop remains well stocked. We know that uniform can be expensive so please do come and pick up a bargain. All we ask is a small donation with any funds raised

going straight back to playtime activities.

Kitchen

The Ling Moor Kitchen continues to be incredibly popular with the children, serving a wide range of healthy nutritious lunches. We have had to make some changes in the kitchen due to some short term staffing challenges and issues with the supply chain. On occasions, this will lead to last minute changes to the menu and for now a suspension of the baguette/sandwich option. We are incredibly grateful for the extra work and commitment of the kitchen team.

Parking

For all of the schools in the Hykeham area, parking in and around school sites continues to be a challenge. It is no different at Ling Moor. Whilst we appreciate that parking is a challenge, we would ask everyone who drives children to the Academy to consider where and how they park. Please ensure the safety of all of the children by parking in a sensible and safe way.

