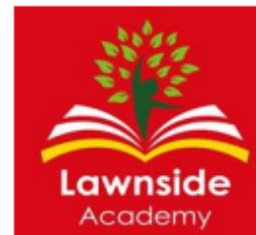


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Dear Parents/Carers,

Parental Involvement

This letter is to clarify and explain our parental involvement policy in school. Our aims through parental involvement are to:

- enhance the learning experiences of all pupils;
- encourage parents and carers to be involved in their children's learning;
- provide a partnership between home and school, seeking to ensure that families feel welcome and valued;
- ensure that maximum use is made of all these adults' skills to enrich learning opportunities.

We have 2 events in the school diary this term:

1. Meet the Teacher Meetings

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| • Reception (Willow and Chestnut classes) | Monday 11th October (2.50pm) |
| • KS1 (Cherry, Hazel and Rowan classes) | Tuesday 5th October (3pm) |
| • KS2 (Sycamore, Birch and Oak classes) | Thursday 30th September (3pm) |

This is a meeting for all parents in the key stage, led by class teachers. Teachers will talk through what your children will be learning this year, how you can help, what children should or shouldn't bring to school and/or wear, what our behaviour expectations are, how you can speak with staff, how you can volunteer and homework, amongst other things. If you have any questions, you will be able to ask these also (either during the presentation or afterwards, to individual staff). Reception held 'play and chat' sessions so staff and parents could meet and talk through the starting school process, the meeting on Monday 11th October (2.50pm) is in addition to this.

2. Parent Consultation Meetings

These are now in the diary for:

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| • Tuesday 19 th October | 4pm to 7pm |
| • Thursday 21 st October | 4:30pm to 7:30pm |

This is an opportunity for you to have a formal discussion with your child's teacher. Teachers value these opportunities to celebrate success, review learning targets and listen to parental views. Sign up sheets will be available on the playground from this afternoon for you to book your appointment.

Both of these events will happen in the school hall and, under the current climate, we are requesting please for you to wear face masks and not attend if you are unwell or are self-isolating due to a positive COVID test. Please can we also ask that, where possible, it is just 1 person (adult) per family, per meeting, to enable us to be able to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

In addition to the above, curriculum letters are sent to each family at the start of each half-term, detailing the aspects of learning that each child will undertake, and how families might support that learning, for example, by visiting museums, websites and so on. These can also be accessed from our website -

<https://www.lawnsideacademy.org.uk/page/?title=Curriculum+Letters&pid=28>

Our website contains information about the life of our school and the work of the children. There is information about the curriculum and links to useful educational websites you might like to view to learn more about your child's learning.

Teachers will be organising curriculum workshops throughout the year. to assist you in supporting your child's learning and we will also be inviting you to our "sharing assemblies" throughout the year (Covid dependant), when children have the opportunity to talk about their work.

We currently do not have a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at Lawnside and we are looking for volunteers to start a new PTA to support the school and raise valuable funds for the children. I will write separately regarding this, next month.

You can talk with teachers before and after school on an informal basis on most days. Appointments to see a teacher or me can be made through the school office, and can be set up for as soon as required in most instances.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak with me, or speak with me on the gate before school.

And finally, teachers have asked me to remind you of our PE kit expectations. You do not need to purchase our branded PE kit - plain red/white t-shirts from your local supermarket are perfectly acceptable. Just not football kits etc. please:





Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cheryl Johnson'.

Cheryl Johnson
Head Teacher

We are very conscious of congestion at collection time therefore, in the interest of safety for pupils, Willow and Chestnut classes will be finishing at 3:20pm.



New attendance and punctuality awards (please ask your child(ren) about them).