

RP/tb – September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

It is with great excitement that I write to you as we welcome students from all year groups back into school for the first time since late March. Whilst it has been a challenge to get the school ready, we are confident we can do this safely and most importantly, get students back into lessons and working with their teachers.

I would like to take the opportunity provided by the start of a new academic year to share some information with you.

Staffing Changes:

We would like to welcome:

Mrs S Edouard-Gundowry	Teacher of MFL	Ms C Parker	Teacher of Technology
Miss A Fritchsy-Haramburu	Teacher of MFL	Mrs J McCrellis	Teacher of Music/PA
Mr M Evans	Teacher of English	Mr J Allinson	Teacher of History
Mrs A Briers	Library Manager	Mrs M Warden	Deputy Headteacher
Mrs E Worboys	Teacher of English	Mr N Thayre	Family Support Worker

Mrs Turner-Ramadani is the Achievement Leader for Years 7 and 8. Mr Hunt, a new member of staff, will take on the role of Head of Year for Year 9. Mr Fox will continue with his year group taking them into Year 10 and Miss Kennedy will take on responsibility for Year 11.

A number of teaching staff left the school during the year: Miss Brown, Miss Crossley, Mr Foster, Mr Jones, Mr Moffatt, Mr Rippon, Mr Williams, Mr Wright, Miss Mayman, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Hardie, Mr Smith and Miss Williams.

Student Achievement – GCSE and A level

As I am sure you are aware, students in Year 11 and 13 last academic year did not have the opportunity to sit their exams and were awarded centre assessed grades. We were thrilled the awarding of these grades meant students were able to progress to their chosen destination, be that University, college or our own sixth form for Year 11 students. We continue to monitor the situation closely regarding the examination plans for the summer of 2021, but very much hope students will be able to take their examinations as normal.

Home/School Communication

We are always looking at ways to improve communication and use School Comms to communicate with parents, Parents' Evening Booking System to enable parents to book their own appointments and SIMS Parent Lite for parents to check and amend the personal details we hold for them and their children. In addition, we will continue to use Class Charts this academic year, ensuring parents can access 'live' behaviour and achievement data as well as any homework set.

Privacy Notices and Data Checking

Privacy Notices for students and contacts are available on the school website under 'About TLES' and select GDPR. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact Student Services who can send you paper copies. All parents should have access to the SIMS Lite App and we ask that you check and update the information we hold on the system. For parents who have asked for a paper copy of their data checking sheet, this will be included with this letter. If you would like an invitation email to access the SIMS App, please contact the main office.

Basic Expectations

Please support us by ensuring your child arrives at school with basic equipment such as pens, pencils, ruler, calculator etc. This will save staff a lot of time and will mean that lessons are not disrupted and that students will gain the most from their learning time.

Having a uniform and dress code is very important for this school and I would like to thank all those parents who support the school in ensuring their child adheres to the dress code, wearing the correct uniform, including black shoes (not trainers). Please refer to the detailed guidance on our website. Blazers and ties must be worn at all times. Blazers can be removed in class with the permission of the teacher. The school dress code also includes hair styles / cuts. Students should not have hair cut shorter than "number 2" and should not have any patterns cut into their hair. There should be no unnatural variations in the colour of hair which draw attention to the student. Students who do not abide by these expectations will be isolated in school and parents will be informed.

There is usually a quantity of unclaimed lost property in Student Services, with no way of identifying the owner. Unfortunately, due to the limited storage space available, we can only keep lost property for a maximum of 3 months, after which it is usually disposed of. Please help us and yourself by clearly labelling clothing and equipment.

Chewing gum is banned in school, and while this rule continues to be respected by the majority of students, we still do have some instances where it is brought in and then disposed of inappropriately, leading to an unsightly, unhygienic mess and costly removal.

The whole of our school site is non-smoking, in line with national legislation. Students caught smoking, or in possession of smoking materials (including electronic cigarettes) on school premises will be dealt with very severely. I welcome your support in emphasising these important rules to students to help us maintain our standards.

We returned after the summer to find the school yet again looking almost brand new, despite the fact that the buildings are now fourteen years old. It is sometimes necessary to remind students of how fortunate we are to have such impressive and well-maintained facilities, and we will continue to encourage all students to treat the school environment with respect at all times.

Transport to School by Car and Bicycle

I would like to ask you to help us in keeping children safe arriving and leaving the school site. Please make sure that if being transported by car, that students are dropped off and picked up **OFF** site. Many thanks to those parents who have refrained from driving onto the site to do this. Where there are particular circumstances which require you to pick up on site, a permit should be obtained from reception. Please keep your child safe if using a bicycle by making sure that it is in good working order, reminding them about basic road safety and encouraging the use of helmets. Please make sure that your child has a lock and uses the bike racks provided.

Leave of Absence

As you will be aware, any unnecessary time taken off school, especially in the Secondary phase, places at risk your child's chances of success. In line with recent legislation, we only authorise in exceptional circumstances. Please could we ask you to consider very carefully the consequences of taking time off before any absence is planned during school time.

Celebrating Achievements outside of School

We know that students have a variety of different hobbies and interests outside of school and many show a huge amount of dedication and commitment to these activities. We are asking parents/carers to send us information about any notable out of school achievements, along with a picture (optional) that we can share with the school community through social media (Twitter) and our website. You can send information to the email address below at any time of year when your child has achieved something that you would like us to celebrate with them. The email address you can use is: CAOS@longeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk

I would like to draw your attention once again to my previous letter, regarding the measures we have taken to mitigate the risk of coronavirus infection in the school. Students have been given detailed briefings on these routines and the need to follow the rules in order to keep all members of the school community safe. Should you have any questions related to this, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

I look forward to working together with you to ensure that your child is a successful and happy member of the school community.

Yours faithfully
The Long Eaton School

R Peel

Mr R Peel
Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES

DAY	DATE	MONTH	DETAILS
Wednesday	2	September	INSET DAY
Thursday	3	September	INSET DAY
Wednesday	23	September	Year 6 Open Evening
Thursday	1	October	16+ Open Evening
Friday	23	October	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Monday	2	November	START OF AUTUMN TERM 2
Friday	27	November	INSET DAY
Friday	18	December	BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS
Monday	4	January	START OF SPRING TERM 1
Monday	4	January	INSET DAY
Friday	12	February	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Monday	22	February	START OF SPRING TERM 2
Thursday	1	April	BREAK UP FOR EASTER
Monday	19	April	START OF SUMMER TERM 1
Monday	3	May	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday	28	May	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Monday	7	June	START OF SUMMER TERM 2
Friday	25	June	INSET DAY
Thursday	22	July	BREAK UP FOR SUMMER

We would normally let parents know at this time when the Parents Evenings, Tutor Evenings, Exams etc are planned, but in light of the Government guidance with regards to allowing parents onto the school site and the uncertainty of what changes lie ahead, we will contact parents before each of these events to let them know what the procedures will be.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.