



Headteacher: Mr Cunniffe

Dear Parents,

Great Start to the Academic Year!

I hope this letter finds you all well and that you have had a wonderful summer break. It is fantastic to have TEAM Linaker back together again for what promises to be an exciting and productive academic year ahead.

It has been absolutely wonderful to see our children return to school with such enthusiasm and positivity. The atmosphere around school has been truly uplifting, with happy children proudly wearing their smart uniforms, working hard in their lessons, and demonstrating a real feeling of togetherness that makes our school community so special.

As we settle into the new term, I wanted to share a few important reminders to help ensure everything runs smoothly for everyone.

Uniform and Appearance

Our uniform and appearance expectations are clearly outlined on our school website, and I would encourage you to review these [here](#), if you need a refresher. Please remember that children are required to wear school shoes (not trainers) on non-PE days and it is essential that they bring a coat to school each day. We maintain our commitment to outdoor learning and play regardless of the weather, so we will go outside even if it is raining! To help avoid any lost property issues, please ensure all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Thank you for your continued support with this.

In the interest of health and safety and to avoid loss, no jewellery should be worn to school. The only exceptions might be for medical-alert items and some religious artefacts. We would prefer children not to wear earrings, but if they do, they must be no more than one stud (not hoops or hooks) in each ear lobe. Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery during PE or swimming lessons for health and safety reasons. Children must either not wear earrings on these days or be able to remove their earrings themselves, prior to the activity.

Remember that children with hair longer than shoulder length must have their hair tied back with a suitable hair accessory, to not restrict vision, so that they can safely enjoy all activities at school. Children's hairstyles should not be extreme e.g. bright unnatural hair colours or shaved logos/designs and must be appropriate for school. Hair accessories should be discreet and in line with the colours of our school uniform. Large bows and novelty hair accessories must not be worn.

PE and Swimming

On PE days, children must attend school in their PE kit, which consists of:



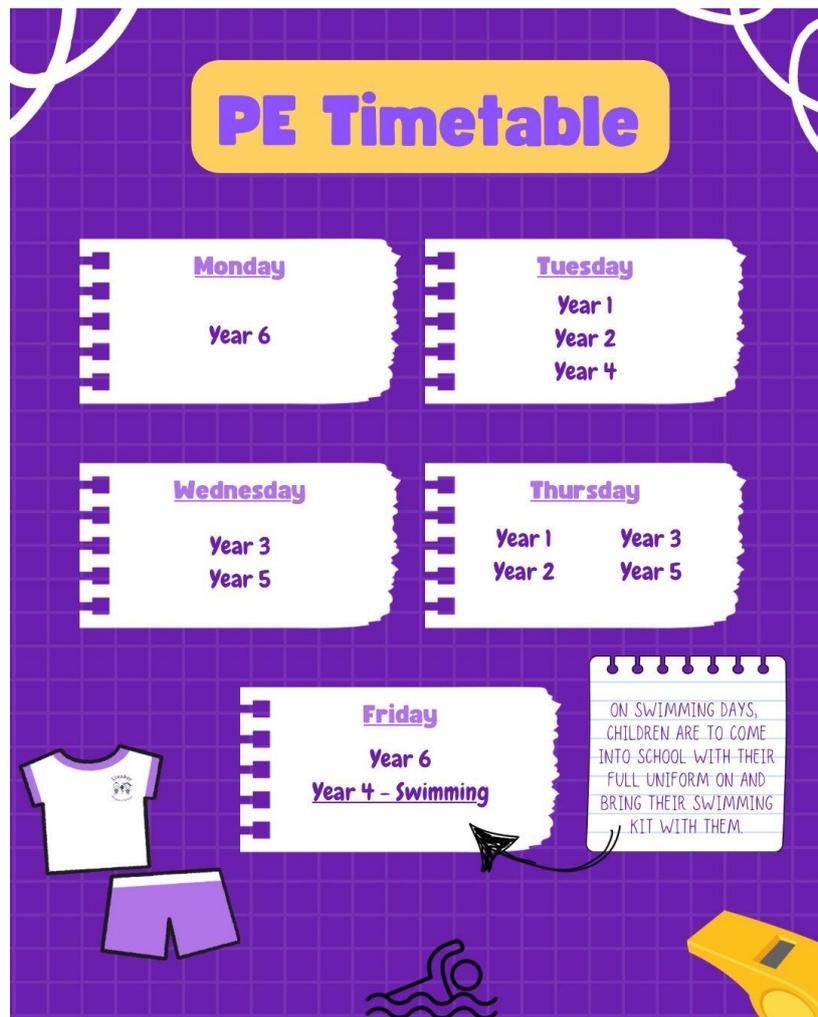
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- LPS white PE t-shirt (round neck) or plain white t-shirt (round neck)
- Plain black shorts
- LPS purple sweatshirt/cardigan with embroidered school logo
- Plain black (non-branded) jogging bottoms, tracksuit or leggings
- Black plimsolls or trainers

On swimming days, please remember that children should attend in full school uniform and bring their swimming kit with them. Children will need a costume or fitted shorts/top, swimming cap and a towel.

The PE days for each year group are shown below:



Arbor and Lunch Ordering

I am really pleased to report that we currently have 86% of our parents signed up and logged into Arbor, our chosen communication portal. This is a really positive response, but our goal is to reach 100%! If you have not yet logged in, we have sent you an email containing your login details. Should you need any assistance, we have created several helpful pages on our website under 'Key Information – Arbor' linked [here](#). One of the most useful aspects of Arbor is that parents can update their child's key details through the Parent App or Portal. can update their child's details. This is then reviewed by us before being accepted.

The school meal ordering section of Arbor is also live. Parents will need to use this system to select their child's daily meal choice or to indicate that they will be bringing a packed lunch from home. Payments for meals, where required, are also made through Arbor. Please check the help pages if you are unsure how to do this.

If you missed the original letter regarding meal ordering, or if you would like to check any of the letters we have sent out this academic year, please visit the letters section of our website linked [here](#), where you will find all communications.

Wrap Around Care

At the start of the year, we let you know that the wrap around care offered by Southport Kids Club would be moving in house. Any parents that would like to book either before school club or afterschool club, they can do so through Arbor or by contacting school on office@linaker.org.uk

Personal Items & Toys

Please make sure your child does not bring in toys or personal items into school. They often act as distraction to learning and cause upset if they are lost or damaged. In school our children have access to a number of sensory aids and if you are concerned about the needs of your child, please speak to our SENDCO Mrs Parr, so we can support them effectively.

Year 5 and Year 6 children can bring a mobile phone to school, but they must be handed in on entry to school so they are kept safe and secure during the day. Smart watches should not be brought to school.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at school. We are here to help and support you and your children throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a fantastic year ahead for TEAM Linaker!

Kindest regards,

Mark Cunniffe

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