

Friday 4th September

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 smiles, 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.

New School Website

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new school website, which has been designed to provide parents, carers, pupils and the wider community with easy access to important information and updates about school life. As we continue to develop and enhance the site, please note that the Curriculum section is currently under construction. We are working hard to upload detailed information about what children learn in each year group and subject area and this content will be available shortly. Thank you for your patience and support as we complete this important section of the website.



Uniform and Appearance

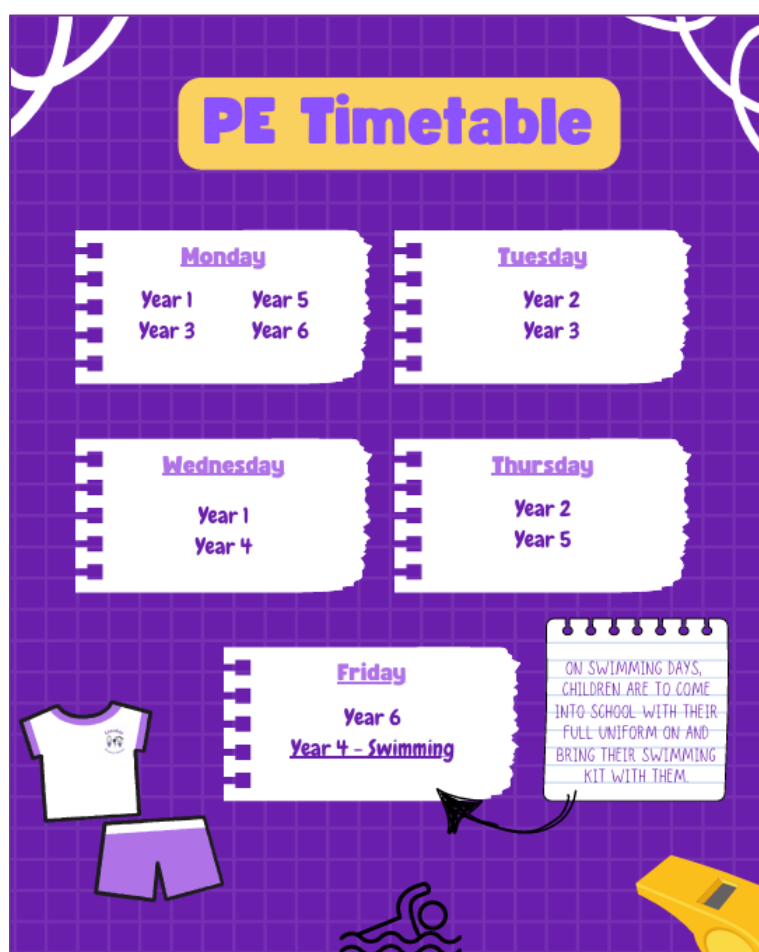
Our uniform and appearance expectations are clearly outlined on our school website, and I would encourage you to review these [here](#), if you need a refresher. Please remember that children are required to wear school shoes (not trainers) on non-PE days and it is essential that they bring a coat to 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 dangling) 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 days - Half-term 1



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

- 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. On swimming days, they will need a costume or fitted shorts/top, swimming cap and a towel.

After School Clubs

After-school clubs will begin the week commencing 14th September and will run throughout the half term. Further information about the clubs on offer will be sent to parents and carers via Arbor next week. To secure a place, parents will need to sign their child up through Arbor. Please be aware that some clubs have a limited number of spaces and are likely to be popular, so we encourage families to register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment and ensure children can take part in the clubs they are most interested in.

Arbor

I am pleased to report that we currently have 91% 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, including medical and allergy information, through the Parent App or Portal. This is then reviewed by us before being accepted.

Lunch Ordering

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. Our menu is shown below and can be found on our website [here](#). Next week, the menu will be Week 2 and then the menu will rotate on a weekly basis.

					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Local Pork Sausage with Mash Potato & Broccoli Salmon and Vegetable Stir Fried Noodles Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings Salad Bar Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit	Chicken Tikka with Basmati Rice & Naan Bread Macaroni Cheese Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings Salad Bar Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit	Roast Turkey with Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables Vegetable Lasagne and Garlic Bread Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings Salad Bar Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit	Chilli Beef Burrito with Sweetcorn Cheese and Tomato Pizza and Sweetcorn Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings Salad Bar Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit	Cod Fish Fingers with Chips & Peas Hot Cheese and Tomato Panini with Chips and Coleslaw Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings Salad Bar Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit
Week 2	Beef Burger in a Bun with Salad & Tortilla Chips Creamy Tomato & Roasted Vegetable Pasta Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings Salad Bar Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake topped with Cheese served with Garlic Bread Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Beans Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings Salad Bar Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit	Honey Roast Gammon with Potato and Seasonal Vegetables Quorn Meatball Pasta Bake Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings Salad Bar Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese and Garlic Bread Sweet Potato and Cheese Swirls with Beans Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings Salad Bar Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit	Battered Fish, Chips & Sweetcorn or Beans Veggie Nuggets and Noodles with Sweet and Sour Sauce Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings Salad Bar Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit
Week 3	Chicken Fillet Burger in a Bun with Baked Potato Wedges and Sweetcorn Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings Salad Bar Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit	Beef Lasagne with Salad and Garlic Bread French Bread Cheese and Tomato Pizza and Sweetcorn Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings Salad Bar Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit	Roast Chicken with Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables Quorn Mince Pasta Bake with a Cheesy Top Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings Salad Bar Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit	Chicken Katsu Curry and Rice Veggie Samosas with Rice and Salad Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings Salad Bar Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit	Oven Baked Battered Fish, Chips & Peas Vegetarian Sausage, Chips and Peas Jacket Potato Available with a Choice of Fillings Sandwich, Wrap, Baguette available with assorted fillings Salad Bar Dessert of the day with a choice of Yoghurt and Fruit

FREE Breakfast Club

We are pleased to offer a FREE Breakfast Club for all children. The club provides a healthy start to the day with a choice of cereal and bagels. The Sefton Street gate opens at 8:20am until 8:25am, allowing children to attend Breakfast Club before the school day begins. Children will remain supervised and will be taken to their classrooms at 8:45am. We encourage families to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to ensure children start the day well-fed, settled and ready to learn!

Wrap Around Care

We are pleased to offer our Before and After School Club, which operates throughout term time for all children. Access to the club is via the main entrance on Sefton Street; if the school office is closed, please press the 'B & A Club' doorbell for assistance.

Our Before School Club runs from 7:30am to 8:45am and includes breakfast, giving children the opportunity to play, relax and socialise before the start of the school day. Our After School Club runs from 3:25pm to 5:55pm, with children collected directly from their classrooms by club staff. During the session, children are provided with a snack and drink and can enjoy a range of activities, including games, arts and crafts, and indoor and outdoor play.

The cost is £5.00 per session for Before School Club (including breakfast) and £12.00 per session for After School Club (including a snack). Places must be booked and renewed each term through the completion of a booking form and signed agreement, and payments are made via Arbor. For further information or to enquire about availability, please contact the school office on 01704 532343 or email office@linaker.org.uk.

Toys and Personal Items

Please do not send your child into school with personal items including toys. Unfortunately, when children bring in items such as toys, they can become a distraction or be lost or damaged. If you feel your child needs an item for comfort or due to sensory needs, please discuss these needs with Mrs Parr, our SENDCO. She will then decide how your child's needs will be catered for in the best way.

If children in Years 4, 5 or 6 bring a mobile phone to school they must place it within the class phone box when entering school. Phone boxes are then stored securely in the school office until the end of the day, when they are returned to children. Please note that Linaker Primary School cannot accept responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of any personal belongings, including mobile phones. Parents and carers should be aware that bringing a mobile phone to school is done entirely at their own risk.

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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