



Lytchett Matravers Primary School and Preschool

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Dear Parents / Carers,

A key part of a child's education is supporting their personal development to enable them to be responsible citizens. At LMPS, we look to achieve this in a multi-faceted way, including through our learning muscles, our personal, social, health education curriculum, a focus on strong relationships across the community and modelling what we expect.

Like all areas of education, some children require more support to develop personally and mistakes are made. This can be affected by a child's lived experiences and influenced by special educational needs. We have a duty as a community to support all children to make positive choices and to develop their ability to have self-control and to be emotionally aware.

One thing that certainly supports children's sense of security is clear expectations, routines and structure within their school day. These resultant boundaries bring comfort to children and promote self control. For this reason, we will be discussing a few changes in expectations to the children during assembly on Monday.

The first is that we will be introducing student lanyards that have to be worn when children are in communal corridors at school. These 'corridor passes' will ensure that all children stay within the areas they are expected to be in, including during social times. We will also be ensuring that children move around the school in an orderly and calm manner: always on the left and in single file. Similarly, at the end of break times in order for children to prepare for their learning, they will walk in to their classes silently.



We will also be making some slight changes to lunch times. Children will line up outside the hall before coming in for their lunch to ensure effective transitions. They will also have more activities arranged outside following consultation with the school council, including the introduction of hockey and 'circus skills' apparatus. We look forward to seeing the children engage and enjoy with them!

With warmest wishes as always,

Mr Vernon
Headteacher



Mrs Porter

We are sorry to have to inform you that Mrs Porter will be leaving us imminently in order to pursue a new career in the skies above us as a flight attendant. We know that British Airways are getting a fantastic new member of their team and that she will be greatly missed from our team. Her compassion for others, positivity and hard work has been a source of support for so many over the years and we are all deeply appreciative.



Mrs Kerley

I am sure that everyone would like to send their congratulations to Miss Cane who got married over the half term break and is now Mrs Kerley!

Trust INSED day 2027

Further to previous communication about the INSED dates planned, please be aware that the date for March has been altered by Hamwic Education Trust: this has been changed from 5th March and will now be held on 25th March 2027.

Road crossing



As many of you will have seen, including through BBC coverage, we have recently received a notification from Dorset County Council that in a few weeks the zebra crossing outside of the school will no longer be manned. We were as surprised about this as the village council were and are discussing our response together. We know how much Lauren offers within her road crossing role and the impact of her interactions with the children, both in terms of safety and socially. Should plans continue to have an unmanned crossing, we will put in place education about safe crossing within our provision.

Free Session about Anxiety Based School Avoidance

On March 26th, from 7-8pm, there is a free online talk being held about Anxiety Based School Avoidance. We have attached a flyer to the newsletter with further information.

Free Support Session For Families With Children With ASD

There is a free 'You Are Not Alone' drop-in online support opportunity for parents and carers that is held every 1st Tuesday of the month from 7pm - 8.30pm. The next drop-in takes place on Tuesday 3rd March from 7pm - 8.30pm on Zoom.

Please find attached a leaflet about the drop-ins with further information about accessing a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who share similar experiences.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone

The Autism Family Support Service would like parents to take away:

- Feeling heard, appreciated, and understood
- Knowing they are seen as the experts on their own child and family
- Feeling hopeful and having gained practical ideas

Any family interested can email sallywagter@gmail.com and will then be sent the Zoom link. Alternatively, parents can also go to <https://youarenotalone.community> and request the Zoom link on the home page.

SEN Parent Support Group

We have attached information about local face-to-face support groups that are being held for families with children who have neurodiverse needs (diagnosed or undiagnosed). There is no need to book to attend these sessions and they are free to attend.

Military Families and Young Carers

We are dedicated to supporting children from all different backgrounds and families. If either parent / carer in your family is a serving member of the forces and you are not sure if this has been recorded on our school system, please contact the school office. Similarly, if your child offers care to a member of the family and we are not aware of this, please let us know via the school office.

Holiday Activity Fund Places

Holiday Activity Fund places are available for a variety of clubs during the Easter holidays, please follow the link below for further information and to get a code if your child accesses means-tested free school meals that will provide access to free spaces:

[Easter in Dorset - Holidays, Activities and Food](#)

We are excited to welcome back Stars Holiday Club to LMPS this Easter, as well as Total Sports, and this relationship is due to continue during future holiday periods in order to support access to provision during the holidays in the village. We have attached further information.



Parking

Please be considerate of other road users and pedestrians when parking around the school. We have recently had a number of 'near misses' on Wareham Road and certainly do not want any accidents outside of the school. These are more likely when cars are parked illegally, particularly when this parking hampers visibility for others. Vehicles should never be parked on private driveways or roads, including the road directly opposite the school.

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)

Healthy Lunches

We want all of our children to eat a balanced, healthy diet in order for them to be healthy. We have attached a suggested guide for school packed lunches to give some inspiration for what to pack!



Attendance

The next 4 weekly attendance review will be completed on Monday 2nd March. In this review, we analyse the attendance of all pupils and agree support to be put into place where levels are below expectations, as well as organising communication to parents / carers. Over the last two weeks, Dragonfly class had the highest attendance – well done!

