



18th September 2018

To All Parents/Carers

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Welcome Back

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and everyone was well. I am happy to see all the children return safely and look forward to a good Autumn term.

It has been good welcoming the children back to school and also getting to know our new pupils and some new staff. I hope that you are hearing from your child's class teams and will meet them soon at our **"Parents Evening"** which is being held on the **16th October**.

Please check the Home-School Diaries, Chat Books and homework that classes send home to you and do engage in dialogue with your child's teacher/class staff via these systems. Please help your child to engage with their Chat Books and homework through the year.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead with a variety of themes. Currently our whole school theme is "Making Things Happen" – so pupils will be taking part in lots of exploration, using technology and trying different ways to make things work. This will be followed by a theme on "Inventors and their Inventions" - who invented ice cream and the bicycle? We will have fun exploring these and many other inventions.

Currently there is a consultation in Lambeth on the Short Breaks offered to disabled children and young people aged 5-19 years -this includes access to play schemes and Afterschool Clubs – please have your say

<https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/consultations/have-your-say-on-lambeths-short-breaks-consultation>

The following are a list of reminders and requests to start off the year, please help your child and school by following through on these.

All Medications required by your child during the school day should now have been sent in for school use. We can only accept prescribed medication if it has the correct pharmacy labelling which must include your child's name as well as the name of the medication, strength and dosage. For our nursing team to then transcribe this onto Medication Administration



Recording Sheets and train staff in administration, new medications or changes to medications must also be supported with a letter from a health professional or a prescription from the GP. Any medication that is required only once or twice a day should be administered at home.

Syringes are only able to have repeated use for two weeks once opened, before they have to be discarded, so please ensure that you send in sufficient syringes to measure / administer your child's medications.

Syringes and extension tubes for gastrostomy / naso-gastric feeds are also designed for a maximum two weeks use. Please ensure that you contact your Community Nursing Team to get sufficient supplies. If you wish the school to administer non-prescribed medication occasionally i.e. Calpol we will send a separate permission slip for you to sign.

Wearing school **uniform** is very important for our pupils – it gives them an identity with the school and their peers, but also acts as an object of reference for all pupils helping them understand the difference between school days weekends and holidays. Please ensure your child is wearing school uniform with the “**Logo**” on their top and any blue / black / grey skirt / trousers / track suit on their lower half.

It is important that you send in appropriate clothing for your child for, PE and swimming and outdoor play.

Please notify the school of any absences including appointments and illnesses. If you do not notify us, the School Office will contact you. Failure to respond to this call or give an adequate reason for the absence, will be recorded as an “Unauthorised Absence”.

I would also like to remind you that it is imperative that we have the correct contact details for you in case of an emergency. It is the school's policy that parents should be contactable at any time during the school day. It is also a requirement that we should have the emergency contact details of at least three people for each child. This is very important in cases where we are unable to make contact with you.

Attached is the new meal menu that is in a three weekly cycle. Please check the menu to see if you are happy with the meals and choices. If you can help your child in choice making then do inform your class staff of their preferred dinners. I hope that you find the menus helpful, even if it is just to know what food is on offer at The Livity School or to discuss with your child what he/she has eaten. Caterlink are very committed to providing meals for our children with special diets and cultural requirements where possible.



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There has been an increase in the cost of school meals to **£2.10 each day**.

I look forward to seeing you when you meet teachers and support staff at the Parents Evening to discuss your child's "Individual Objectives".

I hope that you will all come to and support us throughout the year at the various, workshops, assemblies and fundraising events that are organised. We are looking for more parents/carers to join the "Parent Council" but as always we appreciate any on-going support you are able to offer.

Once again thank you for all your support and commitment to The Livity School.

Yours sincerely

Carol Argent
Headteacher