



*Lavender Field provides innovative and enjoyable education, therapy and early intervention for pupils, enabling them to become independent, happy, positive and valuable members of society.*



## Welcome back Newsletter 2024

Welcome back,

It has been lovely to welcome all of our children back into school this week. They have all made a great start and quickly settled into their new classes and daily routines. A special welcome to our new pupils who have joined our school family.

### Lockdown Procedures

In light of the horrific events in Southport, we want to make you all aware that we have reviewed and revised our lockdown policy and procedure. Training and practices will be undertaken by all staff to ensure a clear understanding of all roles and responsibilities as necessary. We will also be sharing this safety plan with students, so they are aware of what to do in an emergency. This will be delivered with the utmost care and sensitivity, but with a clear importance that procedures are understood.

### Road closures.

As you may have seen there is currently lots of roadworks happening around the school site and this has caused some challenges and congestion around drop off times. We have increased our staff presence in the carpark to help direct traffic around the roads and will continue to do our best to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum. Please can I also ask that parents who park near to school ensure they are courteous to all users, so they do not add to the problem, and to the residents who also have a right to access their driveways. I would rather you arrived with your child late because you were unable to park, than put at risk other road users and especially our pupils walking to school.

### Parent engagement sessions.

Due to the success of our parent engagement sessions with our in-house therapist, Debra we will continue to host these weekly. Sessions will be every Thursday from 9.45 until 11.15. Please be advised to arrive at the time of your appointment and not before. They are a great environment to share concerns, experiences, and successes, meet other parents and take the opportunity to interact with others. To keep sessions personal there are a maximum of 5 spaces per session. If you would like to come along, please contact the office to



## Uniform



We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about our uniform expectations. At Lavender Field, we believe that uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school. It also ensures pupils are not put under any pressure because of the type of clothes they wear and that everyone is treated equally. At Lavender Field, our uniform policy reflects our wish for children to be both comfortable and well turned out; we are incredibly proud of how smart all pupils look. This further underpins our ethos of 'working together, to succeed'. Please continue to support your child following the uniform policy by ensuring that they are wearing the items outlined below:

- **All Black** or **all grey** school trousers, skirt, culottes or pinafore, at an appropriate length and fit (tailored school shorts are acceptable in warmer weather)
- A Lavender Field logo polo shirt (provided)
- A Lavender Field logo sweatshirt (provided) or Cardigan, can be purchased.
- **Plain black** shoes- trainers or canvas shoes are acceptable as long as they are **plain** black, with **no** logos in any other colour than black and have black laces and black soles (All Black)
- No jewellery of any kind, make up or nail varnish.

Hair of natural colour with no patterns, lines or Mohican styles; long hair must be tied up. We understand that lots of pupils will have grown since they last wore their uniform, please let us know if you will need new uniform. Additional polo shirts and sweatshirts are available to purchase from reception throughout the year.

### **P.E.**

There have been some changes to our P.E. provision, and we are having more morning P.E. sessions to enable access to exciting new provisions. We ask that if students have a morning P.E. slot, we encourage them to arrive at school wearing their P.E. kit and bring their uniform to change into for the afternoon session, following their PE lesson. This allows us to maximise their morning PE session and reduce the need for multiple changing times.

If students have an afternoon P.E. slot students **must** arrive in their uniform and bring their P.E. kit to change into. Your child's class teacher will let you know when your child's P.E. slots are.

Thank you to you all for your ongoing, unwavering support



## **Social Media**

In the everchanging and dynamic world of social media, I would like to remind parents and carers of the responsibilities in supporting your child in appropriate use. Social media is a fantastic tool that allows information at the fingertips of your child. However, it can also be a very dangerous place and it is the responsibility of all adults caring and supporting children to make them aware of such dangers and to ensure that children are aware of those dangers and what to do should they encounter such issues. Please be kind to each other when engaging with social media at all times.

**Neil Smith**

**Head of School**

## **Dates for the diary**

### **September**

20<sup>th</sup> Jeans for Genes Day – wear Jeans and bring £1 (Suggested Donation)

26<sup>th</sup> School photographs

27<sup>th</sup> Macmillan Coffee Morning

### **October**

4<sup>th</sup> Flu nasal vaccinations

25<sup>th</sup> School closes for half term

### **November**

4<sup>th</sup> School reopens.

15<sup>th</sup> Children in Need

### **December**

6<sup>th</sup> Christmas fayre – 1.30pm

16<sup>th</sup> Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

20<sup>th</sup> School Closes for Christmas