

## Headteachers blog

Well, what a term that turned out to be! I would like to say a great big 'thank you' to each and every one of you. Firstly, to the Parents - I know it has been a tough time with home schooling and Covid19 concerns; secondly to my pupils – for having not been to school for so long and now having a summer break and finally to the Staff – who have been working incredibly hard, around the clock to support home learning, communications and for supporting key-worker and vulnerable children.

A big **THANK YOU** from me personally. I know it has been hard but as a team, we have seen it through and we look forward to supporting you all next academic year.



**Reading** is a key focus for us and something we are instilling a love of next year. Each newsletter you will have a staff members blog about a book they have read. Please also encourage reading at home. In class, every year group will be reading a class text each half term in addition to home reading. All students will have a reading record or school organiser and will be expected to record reading and homework within this.



## Website

Our school website has started to be filled with information. Keep checking the pages for updated information. Find it here: [www.lindencentre.co.uk](http://www.lindencentre.co.uk)

## Covid-19 update

We have been fortunate enough to welcome back Year 1 and Year 6 pupils along with our current Key Worker children, Children with an EHCP and our vulnerable children. This week, we have welcomed back our Secondary pupils who will be returning to the Linden Secondary Short Stay (AI) provision for a Wednesday morning to start working as a group.

We are currently writing our risk assessment for the return to school in September and we hope to be able to welcome everyone back in September, each centre will be a 'bubble' to allow movement around the centre.

Over the Summer, please **stay safe**. Covid-19 is still out there and we need you to look after yourself and others. Behave for your parent/carers and for those returning in September, I look forward to seeing you and hearing about your Summer break.

## Leavers 2020

We are sadly saying goodbye to our Year 9 students and some of our pupils who have a new destination to mainstream settings or other named providers. We are so sorry that we have not been able to have a formal goodbye but we wish you all the best of new starts. Please use the skills that we have taught you and these will help you as you move forward on the next stage in your journey. Remember where we are – we would love to still hear from you. **#LindenLeavers2020**

## Term dates

16 July : School officially closes to all pupils

Tuesday 1 September: Teacher Training Day

Wednesday 2 September: Teacher Training Day

Thursday 3 September: Pupils return to school (2 days of transition)

October: Half term

October: Pupils return to school

December: School closes for Christmas holidays

## Special occasions

October: Black History Month

7<sup>th</sup> October: Jeans for Genes day

31<sup>st</sup> October: Halloween

2<sup>nd</sup> November : National Stress Awareness Day

11<sup>th</sup> November: Armistice Day

November: Anti-Bullying Week / Children in Need

December: Christmas Dinner

### We have a new uniform!

From September, Students who have received a Permanent Exclusion or Students on our roll (accessing Specialist Centres) will wear our school uniform. **Those children remaining with us in September will be expected to wear the full correct school uniform, as follows:**

- Shoes: black, smart shoes (no trainers)
- Trousers: black trousers
- Skirt: at least knee length with black tights)
- Shirt: white shirt, blouse or polo Shirt
- Sweatshirt: black sweatshirt with Linden logo
- Socks/tights: black

### Wednesday is PE day

On this day, children may come to school dressed in PE/Sports gear. Please be mindful that they will be wearing this outfit for the whole day and therefore, a tracksuit would be preferred. Please also consider the PE topic and the weather on the day and come to school dressed appropriately for this.

### New logo

We have a new logo and values. Students helped to create our new logo and they discussed that they did not want just one colour as they wanted to show that everyone is included. We hope that you like our new logo as much as we do!



Our values now spell out **LINDEN**

(**L**earning, **I**ntervention, **N**urture, **D**evelop, **E**mpower and **N**ourish)

With our core values **#NurtureDevelopEmpower**

### Attendance

National average for attendance is 95% however we want to do better than average and so we aim to reach 97%.

Due to Covid-19, the way attendance is monitored has changed with eligible students being recorded on the register and all other students being recorded via the DFE website.

Mini	NA
Primary	NA
Hub	NA
Secondary	NA
SEP	NA
Overall %	NA

Each centre – short update

Mini	
Primary	
Hub	
Secondary	
SEP	
Whole school	

### Behaviour points

In September we are launching our new Behaviour Points system 'Lennon's Linden Loot'. Students can earn points throughout the day based on general behaviour, learning, engagement, quality of work, homework, respecting our values and being positive. Each of these points get collected virtually and on a Friday, students are given their weekly tokens (known as 'Lennon's Linden Loot').

Students can spend Lennon's Linden Loot as if it were currency in our 'Kiosk' on a Friday or they can choose to keep some to save for bigger items (such as a visit or a half termly trip). We are hoping that students will learn the value of saving however for those that would prefer instant gratification, this is also available.



### New starters



We are due to welcome a new cohort into The Linden Centre in September and also we have students moving between sites. As we have been unable to complete face to face transitions, we are planning to complete 'Virtual Transitions'. Linden Centre staff have created a staff letter to provide a bit of information about themselves and we will send these on to the parents of children from the class so that they can familiarise themselves before September. We will also be arranging a telephone call from your new teacher to parents and children/students.

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