



Linchfield Community Primary School

Newsletter

16th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all had a fantastic Easter break and enjoyed catching up with family and friends in the fresh air.

During the last couple of weeks of the Spring Term, both the staff and children worked hard to develop a set of School Values. It is my belief that school values and a strong ethos should underpin everything that we do. School values can help pupils understand right from wrong and they can also help them to shape an optimistic mindset and develop positive lifelong attitudes and behaviours. I am delighted to share our School Values with you and I hope that you will support us in promoting and developing them across the school.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Brockington

Linchfield School Values



School Egg Decorating Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered our School Egg Decorating Competition. All of the entries were amazing and it was extremely difficult to choose the winners.

Congratulations to all of the children who won an Easter egg for their fantastic decorated eggs.



EYFS

Ivy Maddox



KS1

Tommy Tripp



Egg Competition

Lower KS2

Kodi Gloster



Upper KS2

Hope Norwell



School Information

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School Uniform

School uniform is extremely important for lots of reasons but the most important one for me is the sense of unity and belonging that it brings. School uniform provides a 'level playing field' for all children and provides equality which is extremely important, especially at the moment given the uncertain times that we are living through.

We are proud of our school uniform and therefore we request that all children wear full school uniform, as detailed below:

Green sweatshirt or cardigan, white polo shirt, grey/black trousers or tailored shorts, skirt, pinafore or green & white checked summer dress. **Skirts and dresses must be knee length.**

Black school shoes and plain socks/tights must be worn all year. We request that sandals and canvas shoes are not worn, to prevent unnecessary playground accidents. **Trainers are not part of our school uniform and must not be worn to school.**

P.E. Kit should include a white t-shirt, green/black shorts and a pair of plimsolls or trainers. Jogging bottoms and a warm sweater will be needed for the colder months of the year. Due to the current situation children should come to school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE.

All clothing items, PE bags, lunchboxes, water bottles etc must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Jewellery

Jewellery presents a health and safety risk during the school day. **As such we request that children do not wear jewellery to school** unless there is a medical reason. Children should only wear stud earrings in their ears and they must be able to take their own earrings out and put them back in again as they need to be removed for PE lessons. Teachers are no longer allowed to help children remove or insert earrings, nor are they allowed to put tape over their earrings for PE.

We request that pupils have their ears pierced during the first weeks of the Summer Holidays so that they are able to remove ear rings upon their return to school.

Hair Accessories

If your child has long hair, please ensure that it is tied back neatly for school. **Small, school coloured hair accessories may be worn but large bows and brightly coloured accessories are not part of our school uniform.**

We look forward to seeing all of the children back in school in their **full school uniform** on Monday 19th April 2021.

If you have any concerns about providing your child with **full school uniform** for their return to school, **please contact the school beforehand.**

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in this very important aspect of school life.

Farm Kitchen - Hot Meals

You might have noticed on the Farm Kitchen menus that hot meals will be available in school from week beginning Monday 3rd May 2021. We are delighted that we are able to start serving hot meals again for the children. Please ensure that you go through the menu with your child so that they can choose the meals that they like and they know what they will be having for lunch each day.

Mobile Phones

It has been brought to my attention that lots of children in Year 5 and Year 6 children are bringing their mobile phones into school. We are dealing with issues related to the use of mobile phones on a daily basis which is distracting both staff and pupils from valuable teaching and learning time. We would ask that you do not allow your child to bring a mobile phone to school on the grounds that it is a safeguarding concern, valuable and may be lost or stolen. If a pupil needs to contact his/her parents/guardians the school phone can be used. If parents/carers need to contact children urgently they should phone the school office and a message will be relayed promptly.

However, we recognise that in Year 5 and Year 6 mobile phones may have a part to play in securing pupils' personal safety before and after school and on journeys to and from school. **If you feel that it is essential that your child needs to bring their mobile phone to school please request a permission form from the school office.** The mobile phone must be handed into the school office upon arrival at school and collected from the school office at the end of the school day. Please note that the school accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to a mobile phone whilst the device is on the school premises. If a pupil is found taking photographs or video footage with a mobile phone of either pupils or teachers, this will be regarded as a serious offence. If images of other pupils or teachers have been taken the phone will not be returned to the pupil until the images have been deleted. The parent/carer will be contacted by a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Under no circumstances will pupils be allowed to take mobile phones on school trips.

As always, the safety of all pupils is at the centre of everything that we do. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

E-Safety



Omegle Parent Guide

Omegle is a website offering a free video chat service which will connect you to a random stranger who you can interact with through text chat and webcam. **There is no Omegle app currently available to download.**

No account or username is required to use the service and users are anonymous unless they choose to tell other users about themselves. Users should be 18+ or over 13 years with parental permission.

The main page of the site has a direct link to an adult site which streams adult sexual content.

There are no parental controls or privacy tools available at all through Omegle other than the ability to stop a chat and move to another user.



Talk to strangers!

By using Omegle, you accept the terms at the bottom. You must be 18+, or 13+ with parental permission.

Mobile video chat is an experimental new feature. Video is monitored, so keep it clean!

Go to [an adult site](#) instead if that's what you want.

Start a chat

Video

Meet strangers with your interests!

Add your interests (optional)

► College student chat

Omegle (*oh-meg-ul*) is a great way to meet new friends, even while practicing social distancing. When you use Omegle, we pick someone else at random and let you talk one-on-one. To help you stay safe, chats are anonymous unless you tell someone who you are (not suggested!), and you can stop a chat at any time. Predators have been known to use Omegle, so please be careful.

www.omegle.com says

Because this section is not moderated, you are more likely to encounter sexual behavior. As with the rest of Omegle, users in this section are solely responsible for their own behavior.

IF YOU ARE UNDER 18, or you would prefer not to use this section, press CANCEL. By pressing OK, you affirm that you are at least 18 years old.

Cancel

OK

There are both moderated and un-moderated video chat features.

The un-moderated chat carrying an 18+ age requirement and a warning that there is a high likelihood of viewing sexual content and coming into contact with potentially predatory individuals.

You can restrict access to this site by using parental controls on devices or home broadband. Visit Internet Matters to learn more.

**internet
matters.org**



Omegle Parent Guide

Many children and young people have used this site to seek new friendships given the isolation they may have experienced during the pandemic. While some individuals will use this site appropriately, there have been many reports of highly inappropriate behaviour by users towards under 18's and children in primary schools accessing this service.

Omegle will connect children with strangers of any age, with no controls at all, putting them at risk of exploitation. We would highly recommend prohibiting access to the platform for all children under 18.

Use parental controls to restrict access

Keep an eye on apps or sites they use

Keep technology in family friendly areas

Encourage them to talk about their online experiences without fear of being banned

If you have concerns about your immediate safety or that of a friend, you can call Lincolnshire Police on 101 or, in an emergency, dial 999

If you feel a child may be a victim of abuse or have concerns over their safety or well-being, you can call the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm) or 01522 782333 (outside office hours)