



Lunsford Primary School

02 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone has enjoyed a restful Summer break. Firstly, may I give a very warm welcome to the families joining Lunsford Primary School. I'm very excited about the year ahead and it was lovely to see the children back at school today. Yesterday's INSET training day for staff covered topics such as our new school vision and values which I will outline below as well as reviewing our Behaviour Policy. As part of our 50th Anniversary we reviewed our vision and values. We engaged all stakeholders in this and as a result we have updated our School Values.

Our Vision Statement

At Lunsford we aim to create a nurturing, creative and inspiring environment which enables us to have valued, happy and independent learners.

Rationale

Education is for life - not just the classroom. Our children leave us confident and well-mannered, having developed essential life skills. We will further our ambitions for our pupils by providing them with an outstanding and safe learning environment which encourages all learners to attempt new challenges and take risks with confidence.

As a whole school community we have high expectations academically and we are determined to develop our children as well-rounded individuals by providing the highest quality daily experience.

At Lunsford, we take immense pride in our high standards and reputation. We are a school to which the whole school community, children, staff, parents and governors are proud to belong. We ensure that everyone is heard and their opinions understood and valued.

School Culture

We achieve this through our whole school learning culture, which includes:

- Living and breathing our six school values:
 - Kindness
 - Respect
 - Positivity
 - Perseverance
 - Responsibility
 - Hard work

Headteacher Mr G Anscombe BA (Hons) PGCE NPQH

Lunsford Primary School, Swallow Road, Larkfield, Aylesford, Kent ME20 6PY

Tel: 01732 843352

Website: www.lunsford.kent.sch.uk

E-mail: office@lunsford.kent.sch.uk

- High quality daily teaching to ensure every child gets the best outcomes.
- A creative broad and balanced curriculum offer with enhanced enrichment opportunities e.g. Forest School.
- A strong focus on development of the core skills of reading, writing and maths.
- Equipping children with a love of learning and challenge.
- Building strong positive relationships with the whole school community

Our school believes that there is no limit to what our pupils can achieve, and it is our privilege to nurture the potential talents of all our pupils, to develop individual character and skills and to provide them with an effective springboard for their future and equip them to be enthusiastic life-long learners: a “Journey of Success and Excellence” for every child at Lunsford.

Our Values

These Lunsford Values underpin what we do at Lunsford Primary School. They were chosen and agreed by the children, parents, staff and Governors of the school. They are displayed in our school hall to remind everyone of the values that underpin our school.

**We are Kind
We are Respectful
We are Positive
We Persevere
We are Responsible
We are Hard Working**

Kindness

Kindness is the quality of being friendly, caring, compassionate, considerate and helpful. Kindness means that you treat everyone the best that you can. We might think of lovely things to do and say all day but when we act, that is kindness.

“Kindness is a gift everyone can afford to give”

“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”

Respect

This value is at the core of everything we do in school. Respect is the recognition that everyone is important and special. It is the consideration for the feelings, rights and wishes of others. Respect is a feeling of admiration for others because of their good qualities, actions or achievements.

At Lunsford Primary School we show respect by:

- listening to others
- valuing others people’s ideas and advice
- looking after property and the environment at home and at school
- thinking before we speak
- treating others how we wish to be treated
- being polite and showing good manners – saying please and thank you
- Showing courtesy by helping others
- Focusing our attention and showing effort

We want our whole school community to respect each other. One of the most important things you can teach your child is respect. The best way to teach respect is to show respect. When a child experiences respect, they know what it feels like and begin to understand how important it is.

Positivity

This means that we have a can-do attitude and being the best we can be. Rather than believe we cannot do something or are not good at something, we believe we are able to achieve and succeed and be excellent. If we are not able to do something that means we are not able to do it YET. We are ambitious for ourselves, for each other and for the school. Showing positivity and positive affirmations indicates a growth mindset and increases one's self-belief. As a school we believe that being positive means we are developing enthusiastic, ambitious, confident and creative learners.

Perseverance

Perseverance is not giving up – you should try, try and try again. It is very much linked to positivity. It is having a go and keeping a positive attitude. Perseverance means you are determined in your learning and persistent. Perseverance is never giving up. It is setting goals and working towards them. Perseverance is not being afraid to make a mistake and asking for help if you need it. Perseverance is being prepared to struggle on when things go wrong and being prepared to make mistakes and show determination to get things right and learn from the mistake.

Perseverance also demonstrates resilience and the ability to be adaptable.

If you have never failed then you have never tried anything new.

Responsibility

Responsibility includes thinking about being a good citizen and caring for our environment. This means the obligation to behave well, having a duty to fulfil. In school this may be shown as: making good decisions about our own behaviour, taking responsibility for our learning, being independent, bringing the correct equipment to school, handing homework in on time and caring for others.

Hard working

To be successful and to show excellence you have to work hard and apply yourself. This value very much links with perseverance and determination as well as responsibility for your own learning. At Lunsford we aim for our pupils to be enthusiastic life long learners and to be the best they can be. To instill a love of learning and appreciate the value of hard work. It's been said that it takes roughly 10,000 hours to become excellent at something, or 28 days of doing the same thing over and over to create a habit. At Lunsford we believe together we can achieve excellence and aspire to all be the best we can be. Difficult doesn't mean impossible – it simply means you have to work hard.

Success isn't always about greatness. It's about consistency. Consistent hard work leads to success. Greatness will come."

British Values

In accordance with The Department for Education we aim to actively promote and teach British values in school alongside our school values, to ensure young people leave school prepared for life in modern Britain. Pupils are encouraged to regard people of all faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance and understand that while different people may hold different views about what is 'right' and 'wrong', all people living in Great Britain are subject to its law.

The Key Values are:

- Democracy
- Rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Uniform

The school children looked so very smart for their first day back and long may it continue. We are proud of our uniform.

Please see below a reminder for the school policy for our uniform

At Lunsford the uniform is very important. It instils a sense of belonging and fosters the correct attitude to school life. The Lunsford uniform is quite distinctive and children wear it with pride.

School Uniform Rules

On the days your child has PE they may come into school in their PE Kit.

Apart from small stud earrings which should not be worn on PE days or Forest School days children are not allowed jewellery in school.

- No bracelets
- No necklaces
- No ankle bracelets
- Watches may be worn into school but please no smartwatches.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- Hair accessories should be small and discreet.
- We do not allow extreme haircuts such as tram lines and Mohican styles.

Boys winter	Girls winter
Grey/black trousers White shirt (or polo shirt with collar) Maroon motif sweatshirt Black school shoes Grey socks	Grey/black skirt, pinafore dress or trousers White shirt (or polo shirt with collar) Maroon motif sweatshirt or cardigan Black school shoes (no heels) Grey or white tights or socks
Boys summer	Girls summer
Grey/black trousers or shorts White shirt (or polo shirt with collar)	Grey/black skirt, pinafore dress, trousers or long shorts White shirt (or polo shirt with collar) Maroon candy stripe/gingham dress
PE and Sport	PE and Sport
Navy Blue shorts T shirt in house colour Plimsolls or trainers PE Bag	Navy Blue shorts T shirt in house colour Plimsolls or trainers PE bag

Sweatshirts, cardigans and coloured PE tops can be ordered from Brigade at:

www.brigade.uk.com/parents/

Trousers and skirts can be purchased from any high street store (all uniform must be named).

The following optional items are only available to purchase from the School Office

Despatch Bags		£6.00
Baseball Cap		£4.50
Painting Apron	(Panda Class Only)	£6.00

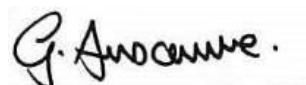
There has been a lot of press coverage about school uniforms over the summer, mostly directed at secondary schools. Lunsford has worked hard to ensure we are compliant with the Government requirements by making sure that we do not have unnecessary branded items and that most of our uniform is available to purchase on the high street. We also offer every child a free logoed sweatshirt or cardigan when joining the school. Our Friends of Lunsford (FOLS) group also sell second hand uniform. Please contact them on fols2016@outlook.com. FoLS will also offer parents the opportunity to purchase 2nd hand uniform on parental consultation days.

Attendance

As we are at the beginning of a new school year, I thought it would be a great time to remind every parent of our attendance expectations, attached is our Attendance and Punctuality Factsheet. I will be sending our new policy once ratified.

Thank you for your continued support and may I take this opportunity to say we operate an open door policy at this school and always have. Please feel free to speak to me in the morning before or after drop off or at the end of the day or contact me via the office to make an appointment or email me at headteacher@lunsford.kent.sch.uk

Kind regards,



Gary Anscombe
Headteacher
Lunsford Primary School