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# Lacon Childe School

*...more than just a school*

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## Welcome Back Year 8

Dear Parent/Carers,

As the new academic year is here, we would like to welcome our students back to Lacon Childe School. I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer and are feeling prepared ready for the academic year ahead.

It is an exciting time to be a student at Lacon Childe School as this year, we re-introduce the Lacon Way. This is something that wholly embodies our culture at Lacon Childe School and what makes us different to other schools. We have listened to the thoughts and comments for parents/carers and students, ready to make some alterations to the Uniform and Behaviour policy. Staff will be asking students to embody our ethos and be a part of 'more than just a school'. This will include our students encompassing a variety of tasks, from showing their best 'line up' at the start of every day to demonstrating their best effort and attitude to learning in lessons. Here at Lacon Childe, we are more than just a school. We are ambitious for ourselves as individuals and of each other - both staff and students alike.

Together, we set high expectations and standards of ourselves and strive to achieve excellence in all that we do, however small. Commitment will be shown through consistently delivering on those expectations, going the extra mile to get the job done and giving 100% in all that we do. We aim to approach everything with a 'can-do attitude' as a community. Integrity is doing the right thing - even when that means facing a difficulty or challenge. We will treat others with respect and honesty, take care of our whole school environment and utilise knowledge and understanding wisely. Creativity will underpin everything that we do, as we absorb new knowledge and seek innovative solutions for our students and staff alike - so that we achieve everything we are capable of. We truly believe in these values. The Lacon Way will form the backbone of our student and school character for years to come.

### **Tutor Time**

Every school day starts with a line up, where students have the opportunity to 'get it right' ahead of the day. This will include uniform and equipment checks, as-well-as daily briefings. In form groups, students will then attend tutor time. These sessions will be focused on upholding our Lacon Me values they will provide a consistent and positive start for all students and enable us to fully prepare them for lessons. We will have opportunities in these sessions for the students to focus on important events throughout the school year and developing positive character values, amongst many others. Two sessions each week will be dedicated to the development of literacy/numeracy through the Lacon reads and Numeracy Ninjas programmes. The sessions will be used also to check attendance, equipment, and support with uniform expectations. Most importantly, tutor time will give us a chance to celebrate successes as a tutor group on a daily and weekly basis.

### **Attendance**

Our attendance target for this year is 100%. Excellent attendance is crucial. Recent research has confirmed that there is a positive link between good mental health, academic achievement and attendance. I ask all parents/carers for your support in getting your child into school, to ensure they have the greatest chance of achieving to their full potential.

## Equipment

This letter is an opportunity to remind you of the equipment we expect all of our students to have in school with them. The time taken providing forgotten equipment for a lesson adds up over a week, a month, a year, and is time taken from learning. As a school, we do everything to minimise the impact of this, to ensure students have the best opportunity for success, by checking everyone is equipped at the start of the day. However, it is up to students to take responsibility for their equipment during the school day. Below is a reminder of what your child needs to be ready to learn:

- Black and Purple Pens
- Ruler
- Calculator
- Reading book
- DT Apron (When timetabled)
- Pencils
- Exercise books (for the day)
- Protractor
- PE Kit (when timetabled)

## Mobile Phones

We fully understand the safety aspect of your child having a mobile phone on them during their journey to and from school, however during school hours mobile phones will need to be switched off and not visible. It will be expected that all students with a mobile phone should keep them in their bag or on the inside pocket of their blazer. Phones seen/visible in school will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

## Uniform

Last year, we were very impressed with the standards of uniform in Year 7. It is always a pleasure to see our students taking pride in their appearance. If a student arrives at school without the correct uniform, we will always support them to correct this. We have a uniform store and where possible, uniform will always be provided. However, if this is not possible or a student refuses to wear the correct uniform, we ask that the student remains in our pastoral support room in social time until the situation is resolved. We look forward to seeing the excellent uniform standards that our Year 8 students will set this year. There have been some changes to the policy for this year, please refer to the school uniform policy at the following link [Uniform Policy](#).

## Tutor Team

Your child will be allocated a member of staff as their tutor for this academic year. Our Form tutors are the first 'port of call', always ready to support our students on difficult days as-well-as celebrate their successes. A good form tutor is vital to students' personal development, health and wellbeing. Here is a reminder of the Year 8 tutor team:

- Clee – Mr Warnes
- Mortimer – Mrs Howard
- Stretton – Miss Wilding
- Wrekin – Ms Shepherd

In the event of needing to contact us at any time throughout the year, please email your allocated form tutor in the first instance. Furthermore, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly on [Georgia.lloyd@laconchilideschool.co.uk](mailto:Georgia.lloyd@laconchilideschool.co.uk) or by telephone: **01299 270312**.

Yours sincerely,  
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