



OUR CORE VALUES

Aspirations, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Tolerance and Equality

Message from Executive Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to introduce myself as your new Executive Head Teacher, Mickey Kelly. I am looking forward to working with Mr Gordon and Ms Cobblah, Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale schools, after the Christmas break. I have worked with Redriff Primary School in Rotherhithe since the year 2000. I am also Executive Head Teacher at Galleywall School in Bermondsey, and Director of Primary Improvement for the City of London Academies Trust. I am proud to say all our primary schools are now designated Outstanding and all the children have a superb offer from great teams of teachers and support staff.

I feel myself privileged to have been chosen to work with your schools at this crucial time in their history. I have lived in Lewisham for thirty five years and both my children have gone to Lewisham primary and secondary schools. I am from Belfast originally and many, many years ago I worked with the Irish Community in Deptford. As part of this project I visited Grinling Gibbons School. It was my experiences there, so many years ago, that lead me to become a teacher. I am honoured to return.

I know we have some work to do. Our Heads of School and staff are committed to making ours the best schools in this area; to ensure that each and every one of our children leaves with the skills, knowledge and character to make a success of their lives. More than ever, we need children and young people to be leaders in our country and our community. We want all our children to be confident, competent and compassionate; our staff teams will redouble their effort to make sure we hold your belief and continue to command your confidence.

Please google my present schools, or ask anyone from Bermondsey and Rotherhithe if they know me. I am sure they may have something to say! As proud as I am to be Irish, the majority of my life has been spent in Lewisham, I live in walking distance to both schools. This is my town, and this is my place. I am going nowhere until both our schools are in the place that we would all wish them to be. They have each been outstanding before and will be again. We need your partnership, your trust and your support to make this happen.

I look forward to meeting you and to meeting your children soon. Roll on 2021 and life after lockdown!

Best Wishes,

Mickey Kelly
Executive Head Teacher



Upcoming Dates

Autumn term

Monday 2 November to Friday 18 December (35 days)

Holiday: Monday 21 December - Monday 4 January

Spring term

Tuesday 5 January to Friday 12 February (30 days)

Half term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February

Tuesday 23 February to Wednesday 31 March (28 days)

Inset days (school closed to pupils) Monday 4 January and Monday 22 February

Summer term

Monday 19 April to Friday 28 May (29 days)

(May bank holiday - 3 May)

Half term: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June

Monday 7 June to Thursday 22 July (35 days)

Inset day (school closed to pupils) Friday 23 July

Cashless and Paperless School

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who have supported us in becoming a cashless and paperless school..

Due to difficulties around Parent Pay, we will now be accepting cash payments until the end of December.

From spring term, all payments made must be done online using Sims Pay. If you need a code, please ask the school office who will then text you the code. All payments for clubs, school dinners & trips will need to be made this way.

We are also a paperless school and any correspondence we send out will go out via email or text message. It is important that you keep the office up to date with any changes to your contact details. In order to be kept up to date, it is integral that you check your email regularly so that you do not miss an important message.

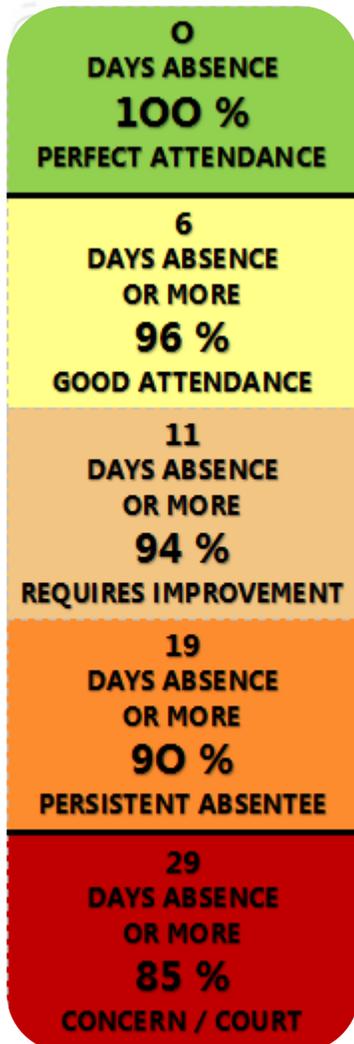


Thought of the week

*"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn"*

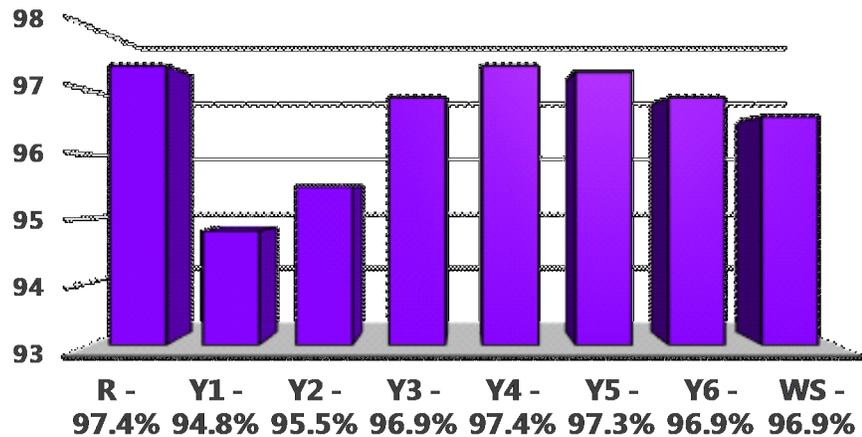
- Benjamin Franklin

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Attendance Matters

Attendance for Autumn 1



It is important that all children come to school every day and on time. As a school, we take attendance very seriously, and regularly monitor this. If your child's attendance drops below 90%, your child will be a persistent absentee. You will then be referred to the Local Authority Attendance and Welfare Officer, who will contact you.

The Education Act 1996 states that it is the responsibility of the parent or carer to ensure that their child attends the school at which they are on roll. A failure to do this, could result in legal action being taken by the Local Authority, and a penalty being issued. Please report your child's absence to avoid this.

School Uniform

School uniform should consist of the following:

- ≈ Black or grey trousers or skirt
- ≈ Red cardigan or sweatshirt with the school logo
- ≈ Red, white or navy polo shirt
- ≈ Plain black shoes

The P.E. kit should consist of the following:

- ≈ Black jogging bottoms
- ≈ White t-shirt with the school logo
- ≈ Black trainers



School uniform can be purchased from:

Whitehall Clothiers Limited

For General Enquiries:

Phone: 020 8852 8967

For Online orders or enquiries please email:
online.orders@whitehallclothiers.co.uk

Address: 244a Lewisham High Street
London, SE13 6JU

Click here to visit their website:

<http://whitehallclothiers.co.uk/acatalog/Grinling-Gibbons.html>



Reminder!

The weather is turning colder by the day.
Please ensure your child has a warm winter coat, hat,
scarf and gloves.



Flu Nasal Spray

It is almost time for your child to receive their annual flu vaccination. The school Nurses are now inviting parents / guardians to register consent for the flu vaccination. They have developed a secure online link. The process is quick and easy to use.

Flu nasal sprays for Reception to Year 6 will be on Tuesday 1 December 2020

Please click on this link to access the eConsent:
<https://qlink.uk/LGflu/100685>

Here's a video on how the eConsent portal works: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7321177>

Please contact the Lewisham School Health Immunisation Team on **0203 049 1897** or lg.shshimmunisation@nhs.net if you have any questions or require any further assistance.



Parent Support Group

Miss Amber's Parent Support Group is held every Friday on Zoom. With aim to discuss how Covid has affected us, what we as a school can do to support families and how best to talk to children about the ever-changing situation.

We warmly invite you to these sessions to meet and discuss concerns, queries or difficulties in a safe space. The meeting links have already been sent via email.

EYFS - 9:00am

Year 1 and 2 - 10:00am

Year 3 and 4 - 11:00am

Year 5 and 6 - 12:00pm

Parent Representatives

We would love to invite a Parent from each year group to become a Parent Representative.

If you or another Parent you know are interested, please do let us know.

