



6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent/carer

Welcome back to the new school year. A particular welcome to those who are new to our school community. We hope you settle in quickly. If you have any questions about anything, do not hesitate to ask. Most of the classes in school have Parent WhatsApp groups which can be invaluable for keeping up to date – do speak to the other parents to find out how to be included in these groups.

We are hoping that this year is a return to normality after the COVID restrictions of the last 18 months. Our routines are returning to the way they were 'pre-covid' and we appreciate your patience as we re-establish our routines.

### **Start of School**

The classroom doors open at 8.40 and all children should be in school by 8.50 which is the official start of school. If children arrive after this time, they will be marked as late on the register. Key skills in maths, handwriting and spelling are taught at the start of the day, so it is important that all children are in school and ready to learn by 8.50 each morning. We understand that sometimes circumstances mean that your child may arrive after the gates have been closed – in this situation, please take your child to the office.

### **Coming on to site**

Please enter the school grounds through any of the pedestrian accesses. Children can make their way to the classroom from either direction, whichever is most convenient. At the end of the day, the Y5/6 children will be led round the side of school past the Early Years classroom. Parents of Y5 and 6 children should wait on the playground for their child. The Y4 children will be led out of school via the hall door. Please wait for your child either on the playground or on the small carpark. Please tell your child where you will be waiting for them. If you need to speak to the teacher, please do so at the end of the school day.

### **Lunchtimes**



We will be eating our lunch in the hall. Please refer to the letter sent before the end of term for our new menus (1<sup>st</sup> July). The daily charge for a school meal is £2.40 per child. All payments for school meals need to be made through ParentPay. There is a weekly minimum charge of £12.00. This will cover either five meals per week or one meal per week for five weeks or any other combination. You will get reminders from ParentPay when your account balance needs replenishing together with an email from school to say if you owe any money.

Alternatively, your child may want to bring a packed lunch. Please ensure the packed lunches are well-balanced and healthy. There should be no sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks and all packaging and boxes should be plastic – no glass please. We are a **nut free** school so please ensure there are no nuts in any of the food you provide. Lunch boxes should be placed on the correct trolley, at the front of school, at the start of the day and collected from the trolleys at home time.

## The Curriculum

Details of our curriculum and the topics we are covering in each area can be found on our school website: [Lord-Deramoses-Curriculum-2020.pdf](http://lordderamoses.com) ([lordderamoses.com](http://lordderamoses.com)) – we are following Year C.

As part of our learning on Vikings, we will be visiting The Jorvik Viking Centre and Dig. The visits will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> (Year 4 and Year 5) or Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October (Year 6).



## Music, MFL and PE

Music will be taught by Mrs Martin. Each class will learn to play a musical instrument:

Year 4 – violin

Year 5 – ukulele

Year 6 – percussion

Each class will also be taught dance and gymnastics by Miss Havercroft and French (Modern Foreign Languages) by Madam Lawrence.

## Forest and PE days



Year Group	PE days	Forest Day
Year 4	Tuesday and Wednesday	Thursday
Year 5	Monday and Wednesday	Tuesday
Year 6	Wednesday and Thursday	Friday



Please ensure FULL PE kit (named) is in school at all times. We will send it home at half term or earlier if it needs washing.

Please provide clothing and footwear suitable for the forest (wellies or walking boots, waterproof trousers and coat, hat and gloves when it is cold). Forest kit will be sent home each week if it has been wet during the session. Please note that Forest sessions will not be every week but you will be informed when they are happening.

## Homework

The purpose of homework is to encourage independent learning and to practise skills taught in school. The **maximum** amount of time for the homework is detailed below:

Homework	Year 4	Year 5 and 6
Reading	10 minutes daily	15 minutes daily
Spelling	10 minutes daily	10 minutes daily
Maths	20 minutes per week	20-30 minutes per week
Menu	Approx. 30 minutes per week	Approx. 30 minutes per week

Homework books will be provided but practical work and reading homework can be recorded in the planner which will be checked each week. Please make sure reading books and planners are brought to school each day.

Below is a summary of the homework your child will receive:

Homework	Day sent home	Day to return to school
Reading	Daily	
Our aim is to foster a love of reading. To help develop fluency and understanding, children should read as often as possible (but a minimum of 3 times per week). Children should read to an adult – even fluent readers benefit from reading aloud, but may read large chunks of the text to themselves as well.		
Spelling	Monday	Friday
The spelling homework will practise the words or spelling patterns taught in class each week. There will be a variety of suggested activities for your child to choose from. A few minutes practising a day has the most impact on learning to spell.		
Maths	Wednesday	Monday
In Year 4, the maths homework will practise key skills. In Year 5 and 6, it will link to the learning in class that week.		

Menu	Wednesday	Monday
Choose one activity from the menu each week to complete. The work can be recorded in the homework book but this will depend on which activity your child chooses to do. The homework menu is designed to encourage independent learning but this does not mean you can't help your child. Your child will need support to develop independent learning skills and help to think of ideas and solve problems.		

### Meet the Teacher Meetings

Each class will hold a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting during the second week of term. These meetings will be via Zoom and the PowerPoint shared during the meeting will be emailed to parents following the meeting. These meetings are intended to reinforce the routines and expectations in each class and give you the chance to meet the teacher (virtually) and ask any general questions.

Class	Day and Time	Zoom link and Password
Year 4	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 4pm	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/94978954979?pwd=cEwycFJMM0J3YIFZbUR0VUt3WUJ4Zz09">https://zoom.us/j/94978954979?pwd=cEwycFJMM0J3YIFZbUR0VUt3WUJ4Zz09</a> Meeting ID: 949 7895 4979 Passcode: V01yQx
Year 5	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 4pm	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84002308369?pwd=VzBiTTZkTUorb1BwSGhHU0dHVjhXUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84002308369?pwd=VzBiTTZkTUorb1BwSGhHU0dHVjhXUT09</a> Meeting ID: 840 0230 8369 Passcode: sf0Xz6
Year 6	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 4pm	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/94869281194?pwd=NVppaVYzNGlvejUyd25jQnMyTkdpZz09">https://zoom.us/j/94869281194?pwd=NVppaVYzNGlvejUyd25jQnMyTkdpZz09</a> Meeting ID: 948 6928 1194 Passcode: Year6

If you have a specific question concerning your child, either speak to the class teacher before or after school or email on:

Mrs Carr [rcarr@lordderamores.com](mailto:rcarr@lordderamores.com)  
Mrs Hiles [lhiles@lordseramores.com](mailto:lhiles@lordseramores.com)  
Miss Smith [hsmith@lordderamores.com](mailto:hsmith@lordderamores.com)

### Y6 Visit to Robinwood

The Year 6 class will be visiting Robinwood from 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September. You will receive all the necessary details from Miss Smith at the Meet the Teacher meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

### Dates for the Diary

Below are some important dates for the term:

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Return to school for all year groups
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 meet the teacher meeting
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4 meet the teacher meeting
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 meet the teacher meeting and Robinwood Information meeting
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 visit to Robinwood
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent consultations
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Pumpkin competition and Halloween disco
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	School closes for half term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School reopens after half term
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-uniform day for Children In Need
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	FoLD Christmas Fair
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas party
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Visit to the Pantomime and Christmas Dinner
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas jumper day and school closes for Christmas



If you have any questions, please speak to or email your class teacher.