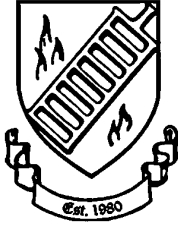


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A Handbook For The
Parents Of Pupils In
Year 5



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to St. Lawrence College and a new school year.

This updated handbook contains information about your child's year group and the day-to-day running of the school.

Within the handbook, you should be able to answer any queries you have about the regular school routine at St. Lawrence College Early Years and Junior School. However, if you still have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher, Mrs Diplas or myself.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of our pupils and their families a truly successful and enjoyable school year.

Kind regards,


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Welcome to Year 5

Welcome back to St. Lawrence College and a special welcome to those pupils joining us for the first time. Our aim in Year 5 is to encourage pupils to be confident and successful learners by providing an environment which enables them to contribute to the learning experience with responsibility, creativity and respect.

Cambridge Framework

In Year 5, we continue to deliver a rich, varied curriculum with the emphasis on the Cambridge Primary Framework in English, Maths and Science. All other subjects follow the UK Department for Education's National Curriculum.

Assessment

Teachers use a range of assessment tools and materials (including analysis of children's work in books, reading records and results of class tests/published tests) alongside ongoing focused marking and notes of pupil observations to inform their assessment of progress for individual pupils and groups. The National Curriculum of England & the Cambridge Primary objectives will be used as the year group targets for all children.

In Years 3-6, there is a Weekly Review, usually given on a Friday, to assess what children know, understand and can apply to their work. This review will normally consist of targeted spelling words and key mental maths skills. End of unit tests will be given in Maths, English and Science. Pupils will be informed in advance when they need to prepare and what they need to prepare for.

Whole School Assemblies

Each morning, weather permitting, there is an assembly to announce the day's news. This year, whole school assemblies will be held regularly for the pupils and staff only. It will be an opportunity to generate a whole school focus and highlight a key learning message related to PSHE.

Quiz

The Inter-House Quiz, which is held in the spring, is also an effective revision tool. Each House, in each year, is represented by a team of 4 children who answer questions in Spellings, Mental Maths and General Knowledge. Please note that Quiz heats or finals cannot be rearranged to suit pupil's absence.

School Day

Punctuality is important. The school day begins at 8:40a.m. and it ends at 3:15p.m. Please respect the fact that a late arrival results in the class being interrupted. If a parent wishes to speak to a teacher, she/he may do so by arranging an appointment. Do not detain teachers from beginning their lessons. Also, be advised that there is supervision in the playground after 8:25a.m, so pupils should not be left alone until that time. At the end of the day, parents picking up their children may do so after 3:15 p.m. from the assigned Year 5 classroom. Pupils using the school bus service are walked to the buses by a Year 5 teacher.

Teachers and the transportation office (if the school bus service is used) should be notified by you of any change in your child's travel arrangements.

Home Learning

All books are to be kept in school unless being used for homework. Homework assignments should take up to approximately 45 minutes, plus reading. To encourage a love for reading, Year 5 pupils will bring library and reading books home to be read. Extensive reading for pleasure in English is a necessity at this young age. Strong reading skills will aid them tremendously throughout the curriculum. Please encourage this practice.

Communication with the Home

General school information is sent by email while specific information concerning your child is written in the diary or contact is made by telephone. Please see the school calendar for the dates of other Parent-Teacher meetings when appointments to see the class teacher are arranged in advance.

Canteen

Children have the option of bringing food from home or ordering from the school canteen. A canteen menu is provided at the beginning of every month and orders should be written and clearly dated at home. The money and the canteen order should then be put into a small, zipped wallet or purse. These are then collected first thing in the morning. Canteen food can only be ordered for lunch, so a snack should be sent from home for morning break. Please ensure that food sent from home is always a healthy option. Chocolate, sweets, crisps, chewing gum and carbonated drinks are not allowed in school; however, if a child wishes to celebrate a birthday/a name day etc. he/she may bring individual cakes, sweets or biscuits but not a gateau. Please make sure that these **do not contain nuts**. *Please note, we are happy to hand out party invitations if the whole class are invited. Otherwise, please arrange outside of school.*

School Uniform

At St. Lawrence, we have a school uniform which all pupils must wear. On entering St. Lawrence, pupils are placed in one of three Houses: Attica (blue), Epirus (green), or Macedonia (red). At certain sporting events, pupils are expected to wear a sports kit in the House colour.

It is essential that your child's full name (not only initials) is on all items of clothing, in order to identify and return anything lost or misplaced.

Long hair should always be tied back and jewellery should not be worn.

In Summer

Navy blue shorts

White, short-sleeved, St. Lawrence polo shirt or T-shirt

Sports kit in the house colour

In Winter

St. Lawrence track suit

White, long-sleeved, St. Lawrence polo shirt

Warm St. Lawrence fleece jacket

Footwear

Children should wear dark-coloured, leather sports shoes at all times. Sports shoes should be in a monochromatic colour (e.g. white, blue or black). Football shoes with studs are not permitted in school. Encourage your child to respect the school uniform and to take pride in his/her appearance. All items of clothing should be purchased at the school uniform shop and must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Sun Protection

During summer months pupils should have sunscreen applied at home before they leave for school. Pupils are encouraged to wear sun-hats, particularly wide-brimmed or legionnaire style hats when outside. Please ensure hats are labeled with your child's name. Pupils may wear UV protective sunglasses which again must be labeled.

Swimming Kit

On swimming days pupils need to bring with them:

* Crocs /flip flops

* a bathing costume

* a towel

* a plastic bathing cap (in their House colour)

Health Certificates

In order for your child to take part in P.E. and swimming lessons, a current health certificate from a dermatologist and a cardiologist must be submitted to the school nurse as soon as possible.

School Nurse

Please be aware that if a child is on antibiotics she/he should not attend school. Never send a bottle of antibiotics with a child. In the case of prolonged use of antibiotics please contact the school nurse to make arrangements. If children are well enough to attend school, then they are expected to participate in the P.E. lesson and to play outside (unless physically unable to of course). The school nurse will continue to make regular visits checking for head lice, nits, etc. Should the nurse feel that any injury need to receive further attention, she informs the parents concerned immediately.

Discipline and Social Skills

A positive attitude towards discipline is fostered and many reinforcement strategies are used to promote desired behaviour, independence, cooperation and caring. In the playground, we respect ourselves and others. Should a pupil fail to behave within our accepted boundaries, even after being quietly spoken to and guided, then he/she will spend playtime indoors with a duty teacher. Pupils are not allowed to run in the covered or quiet areas. Any pupils found running in these areas will lose time from their play session. Furthermore, no personal toys, electronic games or mobile phones are to be used in school. If these items are used on the bus, then on arrival at school they must be handed to the class teacher, who will return them at the end of the day. **Please note that electronic games and mobile phones are not permitted on school trips.** Likewise, pupils should not have large amounts of money on them either on trips or on the school premises. In school, pupils are always encouraged to be polite and use good manners. Class teachers should always be informed of any change in a child's life (e.g. moving house, absence of a parent, a death in the family, a new baby, etc.). It is essential that the school be informed of any specific learning difficulties or behavioural problems that your child may have.

Safety on the Web

Unfortunately, there are quite a few children in the junior school who have accounts with social networking websites such as Facebook and Snapchat. Officially, the age restriction is thirteen and minors under this age legally should not be registered on such sites.

Therefore, parents are strongly urged to speak to their children, keeping in mind the potential dangers involved when children expose themselves to online communication by posting personal information and pictures on their page. This issue will be further addressed within the Computing syllabus.

Children need guidance so as to learn internet safety and appropriate online behaviour. In addition to careful monitoring, security settings should be in place.

Materials to help parents talk to their children about safe internet use can be found on the help pages of most of these sites.

Please keep in mind that although computers can be both educational and helpful tools for our children, supervision and restrictions are imperative to ensure their safety.

Progress Reports

Reports on your child's progress are issued twice during the year, in December and in June. These reports are sent by email at the end of term.

Events

We have a variety of school events which take place throughout the year and to which parents and friends are warmly invited. You will be informed about these events in our Junior School Newsletters.

Helping Hands

At St. Lawrence, we are very aware of how fortunate we are and we do like to help those who are not so blessed. We call ourselves 'Helping Hands'. At various times throughout the school year, you will receive information about fund-raising events. We hope you and your child will join us in making these successful ventures.