

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back to a new, exciting year at Leicester Road School!

A special welcome to all our new learners, moms and dads—we trust you will have a fulfilling time with us, and become an integral and active part of the LRS family!

Staff Matters

A very warm welcome to all our new members of staff. We are so glad to have you as part of the LRS team and wish you a long and happy stay with us! **Mrs Hinckley** is our new Gr 2 educator and **Miss Beukes** will be teaching our Gr 7s.

Our staff component has been restructured so that we could include a learnership into most grades. Learnerships are student teachers who have taken the opportunity to work at a school whilst training to be fully qualified educators. The LRS learnerships range from first to third year students and have always proven to be a great asset to the daily running of our school. New learnerships joining us in 2020 are **Miss Lindie Robinson, Miss Jadine King** and **Mrs Adele Stewart**.

Day One Pack Your child(ren) have brought home a very colourful pack of information and reply slips. We have tried to condense these to a minimum, but there is a bit of repetitive work to be done on your side. Each of these forms go to a different department and it is therefore imperative that each form is filled out neatly, and in its entirety. We don't want to be forced to deny your child a privilege at school because a form was not completed or handed in. ALL replies need to be sent back to the class teacher by **Tuesday, 21 January 2020**.

Code of Conduct Please go through this document with your child and explain the importance of the Code of Conduct as well as the school rules and regulations.

All learners have received the Code of Conduct as a booklet in their Day One pack. One of the reply slips is proof of acknowledgement of receipt of this document. Please keep the booklet at home for your reference and return the slip to your child's register class educator.

School Website Our website has a huge volume of information accessible for you to read. Please visit www.lrschool.co.za to keep yourself updated on news, events, changes and day-to-day running of the school.

D6 Communicator Our primary method of communication is the D6 Communicator. We recommend EVERY parent download this app as certain vital information is sent through this platform. Please visit our website to find instruction for the download on the NEWS AND INFO page. You can use the link on the top banner of our webpage, www.lrschool.co.za

Stationery and Clothing Labels Please ensure that every learner MUST have each item of stationery, AND each item of clothing, labelled to minimise the high volumes of lost property. Lost property not claimed after 7 days will be moved to the 2nd hand shop.

P.E. Lessons Each learner is required to take Physical Education as part of their school curriculum. We often receive handwritten letters from parents requesting that learners do not partake in lessons for very trivial reasons or minor ailments. Letters are also sent that learners cannot partake as their sports kit is not available on the day. **Lack of P.E. kit will not be an excuse to miss P.E.**

Please understand that it is very difficult to run a successful P.E. class when a group of fit and healthy children are not abiding by these basic rules. Please check your child's timetable to see which days they have P.E. and ensure they have the necessary kit for that day. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Derby Road & Leicester Road We are receiving continuous complaints from the residents in Derby/Leicester Road who have noticed an overwhelmingly steep increase in the negative incidents with Leicester Road School parents. This is very sad to hear, as we have always trusted that our parents have a good reputation and relationship with all our neighbours. Some neighbours have sent photos and reported number plates of perpetual 'offenders' which will be followed up on if this behaviour continues. We are fully aware that mornings are a stressful and busy time, and we ask all parents using both Leicester and Derby road to please be courteous to ALL our neighbours and security guards. Please, also, abide by the rules of the road (no stopping on a yellow line or on the Zebra Crossing, to name a few). Most importantly, please be a good example to your children by not yelling, swearing, shouting or displaying aggression when you are unhappy with your situation. This is a perfect opportunity to practice patience and display self control in front of our vulnerable learners. By following instructions from our security guards and following the rules of the road, things will run a lot smoother.

Late Comers Parents, please make a concerted effort to have your child arrive on time as it is a huge distraction to classes when learners arrive late. Please be aware that school starts at 07h45 (Mon-Thu) and 07h40 (Fri). We reprimand learners that come late to school, when it is often not their fault. **Please note:** Entrance through the Derby gate will close at 07h45, thereafter learners will only be allowed access to the school via Leicester Road entrance.

Children left on the school premises after school

School closes at **13h30** for **Gr R to Gr 2**, and **14h00** for **Gr 3 to Gr 7**, but we still have several learners being left in the waiting area after these times.

Please ensure that you know which day your child attends any activity, as well as the time that it ends. Times are indicated on the extra mural time table/D6 Communicator.

If you are making use of transport services, please communicate to them the importance of fetching your child timeously.

Please take note, that according to the law:

- Any child left unaccompanied after school hours is considered to be neglected by their parent/s. Neglect falls under the Children's Act as abuse, and the school is instructed to report all abuse cases to the SAPS as well as the Department of Social Development.
- Our security guards **DO NOT** have any child care accreditation or training and **MAY NOT** 'babysit'/supervise children. They are employed to fulfill a security function and **will not** be liable for any incidents that are not security related.
- School staff may **NOT** transport any learner home after school.

LRS Aftercare Our Aftercare has almost doubled and we are looking forward to seeing our wonderful group of children. **Mrs Chalklen** will continue to run our Aftercare this year and can be contacted on the Aftercare phone, 071 368 3246. Aftercare costs R6 500 for the year which includes supervised homework and activities. Please note that lunch **will not** be provided. Consider a structured, productive and healthy afternoon for your child by making use of this service based on the school property. For application forms, contact Mrs Allen.

Extra Murals Please assist your child in selecting their extra murals for Term 1. Encourage your child to try something new or to commit to a team where they can do well. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to learn new physical and social skills, as well as increase their fitness.

Charity

Please note that charity will ONLY be collected on a Friday.

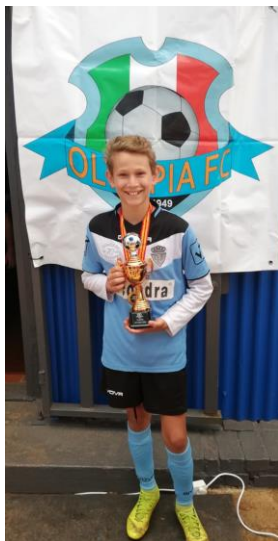
Matrics of 2019 To the matrics of 2019 that once drowned in LRS uniform and are now all grown up and ready to take on the world... Congratulations on your achievements and the many distinctions you have received. We are so proud that we could be a part of who you have grown to be, since your time here! Pursue your goals and continue to strive for the best.

Yours in Education,
Mr Spaarwater
School Principal

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_____ Date

ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to Luke Kent Brown who was awarded Player of the year 2019 for the under 12 Olympia Soccer Team.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 20 January
Extra Mural Starts

Tuesday 21 January
FP Parents Evening

Wednesday 22 January
IP Parents Evening

PARENT'S EVENING (18h00 – 19h00)

TERM 1

F. P. (Gr. R-3) : Tue, 21 Jan
(Classrooms)

I. P. (Gr. 4-7): Wed, 22 Jan
(Classrooms)