

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**“Study without desire spoils the memory, and it retains nothing that it takes in.”** Leonardo da Vinci

### WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE HEADMASTER:

I trust that you and your families had a restful and enjoyable break. As we transition back into the busy school term, I'd like to highlight a few important events and updates.

I would just like to say thank you for all that our various and often nameless individuals do for LRS.

I envision Leicester Road School as a place of excellence, where children are happy, learning and able to apply what they learnt. Our commitment to sportsmanship and integrity remains unwavering, but we must take pride in representing our school with determination and skill.

In term two, our focus areas are clear: discipline, mass extra-mural participation, and increased academics. As we prepare for the midyear controlled tests (exams), let us maintain our standards of excellence in all aspects of school life. I encourage each of you parents and learners alike to dedicate yourselves wholeheartedly to your studies and uphold the values of hard work and respect.

Thank you once again for your continued support and involvement in our school. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our learners and in so doing benefit our broader community.

**Over the past four weeks of school, I have noticed two areas that are in need of your help and attention.**

1. Learners waiting in the school till between **15:00** and **16:00** before going home. How can we, as responsible caregivers, leave a child in the sun or rain for this period of time? Some learners have been telling their transport to pick them up later than they should be collected. Please check the extra-mural timetable for the correct times and make sure the transport driver knows this time. Don't leave younger siblings waiting for older children to take them home. Collect them early and come back for older children. Learners may not remain at school after extra-mural activities are complete (which is what is happening at the moment), or return to school once they have gone home. Please clarify with your child every day his/her after school social activities and transport/collection arrangements and times. Children should not walk home on their own. May we remind parents that your children are your responsibility when school ends at **14:00 Monday to Thursday** and at **12:35 on Friday** or when extra-murals finish.
2. Learners are not arriving at school on time. I know the traffic is a problem, yet mathematics and the teaching time of other vital subjects are being lost. This directly affects the whole school's performance due to educators being interrupted by late learners. I really appeal to all parents/caregivers to make sure the learners are on time. I would also like to thank our parents and learners for the continued support that has been shown to the school and educators.

### OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES:

We as a school are extremely sad to have to inform our learners, staff and parents of the passing away of **Aphiwe Siphosethu Nkabinde** a grade two learner in Miss Loddo's class. She was much loved by all and had a lively personality. She will be missed by staff and fellow learners alike. We extend our sincere condolences to all her family.

Unfortunately Aphiwe was involved in a traffic accident on the N3 highway coming back to us from the holidays in KZN.

Aphiwe was highly thought of by the children, parents and staff of Leicester Road and will forever be in our thoughts and hearts, as she was a most special person. May she rest in peace.

The schools' counsellor Miss Van der Walt will be providing counselling. Should your child need any counselling this will be available from the school please contact Miss van der Walt at [m.vdwalt@lrschool.co.za](mailto:m.vdwalt@lrschool.co.za)

### FINANCE – URGENT:

To break even and meet all our financial obligations to which we are committed – staff salaries, 2025 educational material, sports equipment, photo-copying expenses, water, lights, telephone accounts, outings for children, etc, etc, etc – the school needs to bank all outstanding school fees as soon as possible. We thank those parents who have honoured their commitment for 2025. Leicester Road School needs every parent's support, so we are able to maintain our standards and reputation. Any parents who are unable to meet their financial obligation are urged to come and talk to the Bursars as soon as possible.



### **CONTROLLED TESTS (EXAMS):**

Please note that controlled tests (exams) will be written this term. Learners will receive the sections to study with the Term 2 Assessment Plan. If any children are absent during this time, a doctor's note is compulsory.

**Grade 7 Controlled Tests** will be from 02 June until the 09 June 2025.

**Grade 4-6 Controlled Tests** will be from 02 June until the 06 June 2025.

### **SGB ELECTIONS:**

Leicester Road's SGB Parent Elections will be held on Wednesday, 11 June 2025 @ 17h30. Please note that a quorum is required for this meeting and your attendance and support is essential.

### **HALF-WAY MARK:**

We are already more than half-way through the term. The educators of some of our learners, particularly those in **Grades 4, 5, 6 and 7**, are experiencing problems with weaker learners who are either not copying down their homework or completing the work timeously. We encourage a strong sense of responsibility in these matters. If you know that your child is inclined to be careless in these matters, your personal support and follow-up might help to ensure that your child produces work in keeping with his/her ability which will result in a satisfactory report at the end of this term.

### **WHAT TEACHERS EXPECT FROM PUPILS:**

It is the right of every child at Leicester Road Primary School to be educated in an environment where he/she can be taught in a calm and orderly scholastic atmosphere. The most important is that we should not allow pupils to jeopardise the others who want to achieve results and enjoy education in an organised and pleasant manner.

#### **1. Talking**

- ❖ Never talk when the teacher is explaining something.
- ❖ No shouting out, put up your hand when you would like to speak.
- ❖ One person speaks at a time.
- ❖ Always listen when someone else is talking.

#### **2. Walking**

- ❖ No one leaves their desk without permission.
- ❖ Only one person to be excused from class at a time.

#### **3. Borrowing**

- ❖ No borrowing is allowed.

#### **4. Respect**

- ❖ Respect your teacher
- ❖ Respect other pupils in school – be a good friend.
- ❖ No teasing, or fighting.

#### **5. General**

- ❖ Always try your best
- ❖ Always do your homework.
- ❖ Always be on time.

### **WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM:**

Please note that learners **MUST** be dressed in full winter uniform from Monday, 5 May 2025. **MIXING OF SUMMER AND WINTER ITEMS IS NOT PERMITTED.** Please ensure you have the correct winter uniform required and that all items are correctly labelled. The school has stock of LRS beanies with the school badge, brown gloves and brown scarves. Learners wearing other items that are **NOT** part of the school uniform will be asked to remove them.

### **GRADE R ENROLMENT FOR 2026:**

Enrolment for Grade R commenced on 5 May 2025 as the Grade R group falls under the School Governing Body. **Please note this is for girls and boys turning 6 anytime during 2026. Do make early application! Please e-mail Consillia Mntungwa on [admin@lrschool.co.za](mailto:admin@lrschool.co.za) if you would like her to e-mail application forms to you.** Our Open Day will be on the 19 June, 21 August, 23 October from 9h00 to 11h00

### **STUDY PERMITS – IMMIGRANT LEARNERS:**

Please note, once you have obtained a study permit for your child, please bring his/her passport to the School Office, so that Miss Mntungwa may make a copy of it for the school's records.

### **LEARNERS LEAVING THE SCHOOL:**

According to our Enrolment Agreement, a parent/caregiver is requested to give one month's written notice to the school prior to removing a learner. Should parents/ caregivers fail to do this, they will be liable for a month's school fees.

### **INFECTIOUS DISEASES:**

Parents are requested to please keep their children at home if they have an infectious disease such as Mumps, Measles or German Measles. This is essential to ensure that the other children in the class are not infected.

### **ASTHMA MEDICATION:**

Children, who are asthmatic, need to have their own personal inhalers with them at school. In addition, children need to know exactly when to take their medication before exercise, especially in the cold, dry winter. Please remind children that they should not, under any circumstances, share their medication. They must also let their coaches/educators know if they are asthmatic.

### **CHECK FOR LICE:**

We ask you to check your children's hair regularly for head lice. Should you detect lice, your child must stay at home. Please contact your local pharmacy, in order to get full details about the treatment of lice. We may not permit children back into the school, unless the head is completely clear of lice.

### **KEEPING THE SCHOOL CLEAN:**

Regretfully, at times some of our children seem to discard their litter (usually from their lunch packs) all too easily, resulting in the school grounds and buildings becoming quite unsightly. Please follow up this matter with your children and encourage them to take pride in their school by depositing their litter in the bins provided. Sweet papers and cool drink cans, in particular, attract bees. Needless to say, the no littering rule applies when in public places too. Please note, the school is taking this matter very seriously this year.

### **PRIZES :**

Are there any parents who are able to source prizes for us to use for our various competitions? If you are able to assist us with items (large or small) for children or adults, we would be delighted. Please be kind enough to send these items to the School Office marked 'For Attention Mr Driver'. Please ensure that you include your name, so we can acknowledge your contribution in our school newsletter.

### **SAFETY AND SECURITY:**

Security at many schools has become a major challenge over the past few years. All too often we read of break-ins and theft of office equipment such as computers. Less common, but more frightening, are reports of children being endangered. We have always worked hard at making our school a safe place for our children.

Strict rules have been in force for many years. Our security guards, bursars, educators, secretaries and management are the 'custodians' of these safety precautions in the interests of all our children. Our fences, gates and systems are there for a reason – to protect our children.

It is with the security of our children in mind that you are urged to read the following points carefully:

1. No parent may enter the school during school hours except through the Admin Gate, where you need to 'report' to the lady on duty in the reception area. She will assist you.
2. No parent is to go to the classroom once school has started please.
3. No child may be fetched from school during school hours without positive identification. (ID Book or ID Smartcard, Passport or Driver's Licence) of the person collecting the child must be shown at reception. A 'release' form must also be signed.
4. Parents may not drive into the school grounds. We would appreciate it if parents would not vent their anger or frustration at our security guards who are doing their duty as per the instructions of the School Management Team and the School Governing Body. We teach our children to respect others and expect the same courtesy to be displayed by adults.
5. **In the event of an emergency, parents will be contacted.**  
**Therefore, it is imperative that we have up-to-date contact numbers and addresses.**

### **TRANSPORT:**

Parents, please ensure your child travels in a secure and roadworthy form of transport to and from school. We have noticed some children arriving in vehicles which are not roadworthy which can be life threatening.



**DATES TO DIARISE:**



**LRS  
SGB PARENT ELECTIONS**

**Wednesday, 11 June 2025  
@ 17h30**

**Quorum required &  
Attendance is Essential.**



**THE TONGUE CAN BE YOUR WORST ENEMY:**

Your words, your dreams and your thoughts have power to create conditions in your life.

- What you speak about, you can bring about.
- If you keep saying you can't stand your job, you might lose your job.
- If you keep saying you can't stand your body, your body can become sick.
- If you keep saying that you are sick or ill, guess what you will stay sick or ill.
- If you keep saying you can't stand your car, your car could be stolen or just stop operating.
- If you keep saying you're broke, guess what? You'll always be broke.
- If you keep saying you can't trust a man or trust a woman, you will always find someone in your life to hurt and betray you.
- If you keep saying you can't find a job, you will remain unemployed.
- If you keep saying you can't find someone to love you or believe in you, your very thought will attract more experiences to confirm your beliefs.

*You have brains in your head,  
and feet in your shoes.  
You can steer yourself in any direction you choose!*  
Dr Seuss

**REMEMBER THE FIVE SIMPLE RULES TO BE HAPPY:**

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.



Yours in Education,  
Mr KWM DRIVER  
School Principal

Sign

2-5-2025

Date



## WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD CIVVIES DAY



### House Tech. Rules

*In this house:*

1. Technology is a privilege, not a right.
2. If you wouldn't say it face to face, it doesn't belong online.
3. Nothing is ever truly deleted on the internet.
4. People and relationships are more important than technology.
5. If people are bullying others, tell someone.
6. No cell phones at dinner or behind closed doors.
7. If you break it, you pay for it.
8. Trust is an evolving process.
9. Homework and chores come before screens.
10. Your texts, emails, social media posts, and other tech activity may be monitored.
11. It's not invading your privacy, it's parenting.

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