



# What's Happening @ LRS?

**Volume 01 – January 2022**
**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**
**Welcome**

We welcome all our learners, parents and staff to Leicester Road School this year. May you have an enjoyable year with your children as they learn and grow. Encourage them to work hard from the beginning and take full advantage of all that the school has to offer.

**Staff Matters**

At the end of 2021 we bid farewell to the following staff members: Mrs Van In, Mrs Allen, Miss Pillay and Miss Robinson. We wish them everything of the best in their future endeavours.

We welcome Miss de Fonseca, our new Grade 1 educator. Miss Emily Arokiam has qualified as an educator and will be the librarian. May you'lls stay with us be long and happy.

**New Parents' Evening- Gr R to 7 Parents**

This will be held this evening, 12 January 2022 @ 18h00 in the school hall.

**Day One Pack**

Your child(ren) will be given a 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 correctly and in its entirety. ALL reply slips need to be sent back to the class teacher by Tuesday, 25 January 2022.

**D6 Communicator**

Our primary method of communication is the D6 Communicator. We recommend that EVERY parent downloads this app as certain vital information is sent through this platform. Please visit our website to find instructions 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](http://www.lrschool.co.za)

**Stationery and Clothing Labels**

Please ensure that each learner has all items of stationery required. Each item of clothing and stationery must be labelled to minimise the high volumes of lost property. Lost items of clothing not claimed after 7 days will be moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand shop.

**School Photographs**

Official school photos will be taken on Monday, 31 January 2022 for Grade R & 1 learners and Monday, 7th February 2022 for Grade 2-7 learners. It is vital that learners are dressed in their full summer uniform. Learners are to have the correct hairstyle and look presentable. No make-up is allowed.

**Parents Information Evening**

Vital information is shared by your child's educators at this important meeting. Please make every endeavour to attend.

Tuesday, 18 January 2022 @ 18h00

Wednesday, 19 January 2022 @ 18h00

Grade	Venue
4	Library
5	Room 4
6	Room 21
7	Hall

Grade	Venue
R	In educator's classroom
1	
2	
3	

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## LEICESTER ROAD SCHOOL FEES 2022

Please note that Leicester Road School is a **CASH FREE ZONE**.

GRADE R FEES – **R24 700.00** per learner per annum (5% Discount if paid in full by end February 2022)

GRADE 1-7 – **R21 112.00** per learner per annum (5% Discount if paid in full by end February 2022)

Workbooks for Gr R – **R200.00** (Leicester Road Early Learning Centre bank account)

Workbooks for Gr 1-7 – **R250.00**

### Options on payment methods

- EFT/Deposit directly into the Schools bank account
- Debit/Credit card @ LRS or via LRS website
- Debit order instruction (mandate to be completed annually)

Please ensure that the correct references are used on all payments made

- Reference for school fees: School fee account number OR Childs Surname, name & Grade (e.g. 3ABCD001)
- Reference for items: Child's surname, Grade & Item (e.g. *Romeo, J Gr3 Workbooks*)
- Kindly ensure that your reference number on payments is correct as to avoid delays/errors in account allocations – if you are not sure what to use as a reference, please email [debtors@lrschool.co.za](mailto:debtors@lrschool.co.za) / [finance@lrschool.co.za](mailto:finance@lrschool.co.za)

### Communication with Parents

Our school staff welcome the opportunity to discuss with parents matters of mutual concern: educational progress/problem, homework, etc. Parents, who wish to do so, should make an appointment with the class educator. Should further discussions be required, please feel free to telephone the school Office to make an appointment with the heads of Department, the Deputy Principal or the Principal (Mr Driver).

Please keep the class educator informed of any therapy, counselling, extra lessons or medical conditions which may occur from time to time. All information will be treated as confidential. Copies of reports or a brief note, detailing the necessary information, should be sent to the class educator.

### Line of Communication

Please take note that **ALL** queries need to **FIRST** be addressed with the educator concerned before an issue is escalated.

*Parent → Educator → HOD → Deputy Principal → Principal*

### Support Required

We welcome the support of educators in the community who are able to help us whilst our educators are on leave.

### Visitors on the School property

Any parent entering the school property for meetings with teachers or for the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform shop must enter through **Derby Road Gate ONLY**.

The quickest way of learning not to be forgetful is to have to do without something. Help teach your child to remember – if they forget their swimming costume, lunch box, etc at home – leave it there! The following week they won't forget!

### Gremlins

Our school lawnmower unfortunately had to go in for repairs. It has now been fixed and the grass is being attended to. This morning we had a problem with our water supply due to the theft of the copper water pipe last night. However, this problem was rectified by 9am.

### School Hours

School starts at 7h45 for each grade, Mon to Thurs and at 7h40 on Fridays. All late arrivals are recorded and reflected on the learner's termly report.

Dismissal times are as follows:

Grade	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
R - 2	13h30	13h30	13h30	13h30	12h35
3 - 7	14h00	14h00	14h00	14h00	12h35

### Late Arrival & Collection of Learners

We request parents/guardians to make every effort to get children to school before, or by **07h45** and collect them promptly after dismissal.

It is of concern to us that too large a number of children repeatedly arrive late for school in the mornings and are collected too long after dismissal time in the afternoons.

In order to reduce the problems related to both these matters, kindly read the following with care:

#### LATE ARRIVALS

**GDE legislation and policies** state that all school children should be on the school property and behind locked gates during school hours (GDE Circular 13 of 2002). This is an important security precaution.

**If late, parents (or accompanying adult) are required to escort the child to "sign in" with admin staff.**

Other very important reasons **why it is not in your child's best interests to arrive late on a regular basis, are:**

1. Children arriving late **disrupt lessons** that have already begun. The educator then has to stop and repeat what has already been taught and discussed. This **wastes teaching and learning time**. This disruption and waste of time is **unfair and detrimental to the majority** who arrive punctually.
2. Children arriving late **miss early morning announcements and instructions** regarding school activities for the day. **This leaves the latecomers at a disadvantage** while those children who arrive on time are well organised and can benefit more from their school day.
3. Persistent late arrival **may be a sign that a child's physical and emotional welfare are at risk**. For example,
  - Frequent lateness may be the result of chaotic early morning routines (or lack thereof!) which **unsettles the child** and can **negatively affect his/her learning and progress**.
  - Children may be forced to travel long distances on their own, **putting their safety at risk**. (Please ensure that your child does not have to walk a long distance to/from school and that young children are not walking alone.)
4. **Socially, children who arrive late miss out on the early morning "bonding" with friends**. Many playground games begin before school and continue throughout the day. **Children who arrive late often feel "left out" for this reason**. Ideally, children should have time to chat/play with friends before the school bell rings.

#### COLLECTION AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Children are not allowed to roam the school premises unsupervised after school has been dismissed. They have to wait in the designated waiting areas until they are collected.

1. **After school learners should go home immediately**, except if they are involved in after school activities.
2. Parents/Guardians/Care Givers need to make arrangements to collect children who are involved in after school activities, immediately after that activity has been concluded.
3. Learners have to be **fully dressed in their school uniform or their PE kit before they leave the school premises**. **They also have to have their shoes and socks on**. No child may leave the school grounds in swimwear, dancing outfits or barefoot.
4. Kindly ensure that **you know where your children are at all times**, and that your children are certain of who will be collecting them after school, at what time they will be collected and at which gate they will be collected.
5. **Children need to understand very clearly why they may NEVER ACCEPT LIFTS** from somebody else if their parents have not told them of such arrangements **in advance**.
6. **The names of children who are left at school late are recorded. Their parents are contacted because such children are extremely vulnerable to injury and/or crime.**

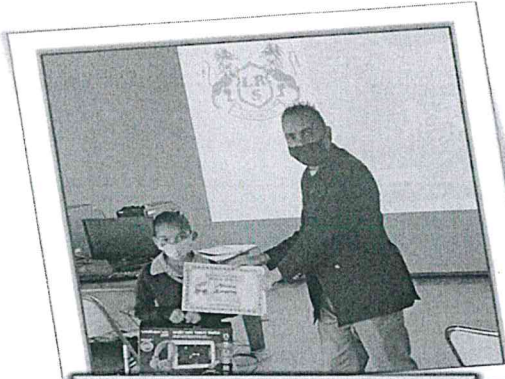
Your co-operation is appreciated.

Yours in Education,  
Mr KWM DRIVER  
School Principal

  
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Sign

  
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Date

## NEED FOR SPEED COMPETITION WINNERS



LRS GAMING CHALLENGE -1ST PLACE

Alessia Kingsley



LRS GAMING CHALLENGE -1ST PLACE

Azaniah Ledwaba



LRS GAMING CHALLENGE -2ND PLACE

Tafara Dangwa



LRS GAMING CHALLENGE -2ND PLACE

Emmanuel Ibalanky



LRS GAMING CHALLENGE -3RD PLACE

Banele Mthombeni



LRS GAMING CHALLENGE -3RD PLACE

Tyler Dexter

*Well done!*