

FAQ for new starter parents

- **What clubs do you offer?** *These are currently offered in phase bubbles and depend on the time of year. We currently offer football, basketball, badminton, hockey, table tennis, multi skills and ball skills. We only offer clubs to Reception children from the Spring term onwards to allow them to settle into school.*
- **What are the school dinners like?** *These are cooked on site and all children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to a free meal. We can offer a vegetarian option. Meal plans need to be verified with the school office and we need a week's notice to change. More information can be found at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-food>*
- **How do I pay for things like trips and meals?** *All payments can be made online via the School Gateway app. Online payment is preferred but cash can be sent to the school office in an envelope with the child's name, class and reason for the money written on it.*
- **Where can I buy school uniform?** *School uniform can be purchased from Schoolwear Solutions in Oadby, or blue jumpers and cardigans can be purchased from supermarkets. We sell iron on badges for £1.50. School holds stocks of bookbags, water bottles and PE kits.*
- **Can my child learn a musical instrument?** *All children get the chance to learn a musical instrument for free in Year 4. We also have a peripatetic music teacher who comes into school on Thursday to teach lessons in Key Stage 2. This is a private arrangement with parents.*
- **Which high schools could my child go to after leaving Langmoor?** *We mainly feed Gartree and Beauchamp, but parents also have the option of applying to Manor High School.*
- **What snacks can my child bring to school?** *We are a nut free school but children are encouraged to bring healthy snacks into school such as fruit or raw vegetables. Fruit is provided up until Year 3 and children get milk free until they are 5. We operate a milk scheme where parents can pay termly for a 3rd of a pint of milk per day.*
- **Will my child have swimming lessons?** *These usually happen in Year 3 and Year 5 for the entirety of the year. This is currently not happening because of the restrictions around Covid – 19.*
- **What else do you offer that makes Langmoor stand out?** *We have Forest School on site which is run by one of teachers who is an accredited Forest School teacher. All classes get a 6 week block at Forest School at some point during the Academic year. Old clothes are required as the children get muddy and messy but they have a fantastic time! We also are an accredited Route to Resilience school, and we talk to the children a lot about using their character muscles. This feeds into every lesson and we share instances where the children have shown their character muscles in whole school assembly. We like to build the children's resilience, especially in the*

current climate. We also have a fully equipped ICT suite and numerous I pads that can be used around the school.

- **How do I apply?** All applications are made through Leics County Council, whether a first-time admission or a mid-year admission. We do not manage our own admissions and our class size limit is 30.
- **Do you offer breakfast and afterschool care?** Yes; Breakfast club starts at 7.45am and is run by Sally Harrison who also runs the on site pre-school. Payment and booking is made directly to her. We also run Kids Club after school from the end of school until 5.30pm. This needs to be booked and paid for online and can be done through the office.
- **What forms of communication do you use to keep in touch with parents?** We send out fortnightly newsletters, we have a Twitter account where you can see what the children are doing in school. We have parents evening twice a year and lots of information can be found on the school website. Under normal circumstances we operate an open door policy where staff are able to have informal discussions on the playground with parents, and we also hold a class assembly once a year. However, under the Covid 19 restrictions we cannot do this at the moment.
- **What are the times of the school day?** Currently we start at 8.30 am for Years 5 & 6, 8.45am for EYFS, Year 1 & 2, and 9am for Year 3 and 4. The children then finish at 3pm for Years 5 & 6, 3.15pm for EYFS, Year 1 & 2, and 3.30pm for Years 3 & 4. This is due to Covid Restrictions. Our normal times are in our Prospectus
- **What are lessons in your Reception Class like?** We do a lot of learning through play but teach Early Maths using White Rose to build a strong foundation of number, Phonics using Letters and Sounds and we have a fully equipped outdoor area to promote sharing, exploration and outside play.
- **Will the children get a reading book?** We have an extensive library of reading books that the children can take home. Your child's first reading book may not have any words in, but is designed to promote language use and story telling. This is just as important as learning to read words.