

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

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‘Our academy ensures that all children build memories, thrive in life, and change the world.’



Dear parents/carers and friends,

Welcome (back) to La Fontaine Academy!

It was great to see you all last week and we look forward to the coming months as we continue to build our community and **‘LFA Village’**.

You will have seen that building work is underway in ‘Block B’ of our school site, and we look forward to getting regular updates from Kier. The plan is to move to ‘Block B’ in February for the back of ‘Block A’ to be demolished to finally make more space for an amazing playground!

Over the coming months, children will get to work hard and further develop a sense of agency; this will enable them to fulfil our school mission, namely to **build memories, thrive in life, and change the world**.

The world we live in is going through tumultuous changes: whether it be international relations being put under pressure or, more locally, the fact that many of us are feeling isolated, it is important that we buck the trend and work together to build a community which can influence our society for the better.

As we’ve often shared with our children, **it’s up to us what happens next**.

Looking forward to a great academic year!

Sebastien Chapleau

Dr Sebastien Chapleau, Headteacher

AIMING FOR 97.5% FOR ATTENDANCE AND 100% FOR PUNCTUALITY

We have noticed that a few families have asked for time off to go on holiday early. As you know, this is something we cannot authorise. You need to be aware that we have a duty to report unauthorised absences to Bromley Council and that fines can be issued to families who don't adhere to our school policy in terms of attendance (see here for our policy: www.lafontaineacademy.org/policies). We thank you for your cooperation.

	MARIE CURIE (RECEPTION)	YANNICK NOAH (RECEPTION)	SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR (YEAR 1)	MARIE JOSE PEREC (YEAR 1)	HAROUN TAZIEFF (YEAR 2)	GEORGE SAND (YEAR 2)	JACQUES-YVES COUSTEAU (YEAR 3)	JACQUES DERRIDA (YEAR 3)	LUCIE AUBRAC (YEAR 4)	Michel Roux Jr. (YEAR 4)	SIMONE VEIL (YEAR 5)	ROLAND BARTHES (YEAR 6)	TOTAL
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE (%)	100 🏆	100 🏆	98.8 🏆	100 🏆	96.6	100 🏆	100 🏆	100 🏆	95.5	94.7	91.3	84	97
ATTENDANCE SINCE SEPTEMBER (%)	100 🏆	100 🏆	98.8 🏆	100 🏆	96.6	100 🏆	100 🏆	100 🏆	95.5	94.7	91.3	84	97
LAST WEEK'S PUNCTUALITY (%)	98.9	100 🏆	100 🏆	99.5	100 🏆	100 🏆	98.9	99.5	100 🏆	100 🏆	99.3	100 🏆	99.7

ATTENDANCE MATTERS LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

We are committed to ensuring that all our pupils make the most of their educational opportunities at La Fontaine and recognise that this can only be achieved through regular school attendance.



LOGISTICS AS OUR SCHOOL HAS GOT BIGGER

As we are still going through a few months of building work, we continue to be grateful for your patience and understanding.

Our playground, even though it is slightly bigger than last year, is still limited in terms of space.

We would be grateful if all parents could remember to please stand behind the yellow line you drop off/pick up your child(ren). Thus, it'll be much easier to welcome/dismiss children to/from their line.

Thank you.

ParentMail

PARENTMAIL



As you know, we are now using ParentMail for our communications, payments, and bookings.

It is expected that there will be some teething problems as we all get used to this new system.

Don't forget to download the ParentMail app to be able to get instant messages on your phone.



STEP ZONE

As discussed before the summer, we are keen to support families who need to access child-care after 18:00.

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to recruit STEP Zone workers who could work past 18:00.

To hopefully come up with a solution, we're keen to bring a working group together to develop an action plan.

If you are keen to be involved, please sign up at www.lafontaineacademy.org/wrap-around-care.



Who Is

As we are starting a new year, children are learning about their class names.

You can access all classes' induction topics by clicking on the picture below.



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INDUCTION TOPICS

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PROCESS FOR SELECTING PARENTS TO ACCOMPANY ON TRIPS

[We have produced this flowchart which teachers will use, from now on, to ensure consistency and transparency]

As part of their Risk Assessment, teachers establish how many extra non-staff helpers are needed.

Parents/carers are asked to let teachers know as they complete their child's permission slip. The deadline is indicated in the letter.

Once teachers have received the slips back, they draw names randomly. Parents/carers are not selected on a 'first-come, first-served' basis.

Teachers inform parents/carers if they've been selected. They also let those who've not been selected know.

If parents/carers miss the deadline/don't put themselves forward, teachers approach who they feel would be good to accompany directly, hoping they'll be able to help.



PARENTS & TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

www.ptalafontaine.org.uk



Hello from La Fontaine Academy PTA!

We hope everyone has had a fantastic summer and look forward to a fun-filled year ahead.

For our Reception families, the PTA raises funds and supports community-building collaborations that benefit the children of La Fontaine Academy. We're volunteer run and always seeking new support and ideas. We'd love to hear from you!

As we kick off the year, we're looking for a new PTA Chair, Class Representatives and additional support for our Events and Fundraising committees. Class Representatives are still needed, in particular, for Years 2, 4, 5, and 6.

This short survey details what these roles entail and is the best way to let us know how you'd like to get involved this school year. We'd like to hear from as many new and returning parents as possible so that we have up to date knowledge of your interests.

WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.CO.UK/R/TVHXQW3



We are in the process of finalising our event schedule for the year, but will hold our first PTA meeting in the LFA hall during the Macmillan Coffee morning at 9am on Friday 28th September. We'll elect our new Chair at this meeting and talk about some of our autumn plans. It would be great to see you there.

If you can't make meetings during the day but want to be involved, please fill out our survey and note your interest in evening meetings. We'll be in touch!



FONTAINE LINKEDIN GROUP

Please join the "[La Fontaine Academy professional connections](#)" group on LinkedIn. We would like to increase professional connections between parents and carers, and with the school. This will help us to make use of any talents or skills in our community for the benefit of the school, and to increase connections between working parents.

