

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

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LOGISTICAL REMINDERS

It has come to my attention that some parents/carers aren't sure what happens should a child be collected late.

For ease, and to remind all families, here is an extract from our [LATE COLLECTION POLICY](#).

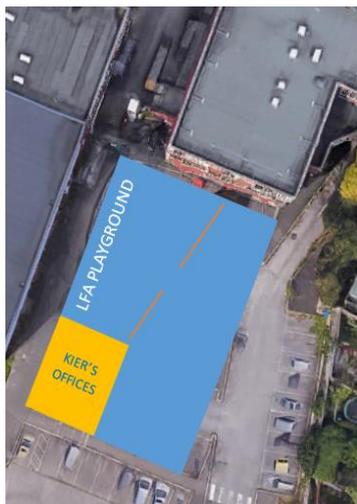


'PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN A CHILD IS NOT COLLECTED ON TIME

The school will ensure that all children are collected by a parent, carer or designated adult. If for some reason a child is not collected at the end of the day, the following procedures will be activated:

We undertake to look after the child safely throughout the time that he or she remains under our care.

1. If a child is not collected within 10 minutes of the agreed collection time, a member of staff will call the parent, carer or designated adult, and use any other emergency contact details available, in order to try to ascertain the cause for the delay, and how long it is likely to last. Messages will always be left on any answer phone requesting a prompt reply.
2. While waiting to be collected, the child will be supervised by a member of staff who will offer them as much support and reassurance as is necessary.
3. At 15:40, the children will be taken to the office where they will be supervised by the school administrator until 16:00. Parents who collect their children after 15:40 must sign the late collection book which is kept in the office. At 16:00, a member of the senior team will take over the supervision of the children.
4. If a child has not been collected within 40 minutes of the end of the Academy day (16:10), the Child Protection Officer must be informed and a decision taken as to whether social services needs to be called.'



CONFINED SPACE IN OUR PLAYGROUND

Needless to say that you have noticed the size of our playground.

It is, as many mention to us on a daily basis, small/compact.

Our playground size put our logistics under considerable pressure so we please ask you to work with us to ensure that drop off and pick up are as smooth as possible.

We will install safety barriers in the morning and at the end of the day to create a separate area for parents/carers and children.

On the diagram on the left, you'll see a couple of red lines. Physical barriers will be installed daily there to ensure that children can feel less overwhelmed by the crowd.

Barriers will be ordered this week and installed as soon as we've received them.

We will also stagger our start time **from next Monday** and will ask **Reception families** to drop their children off at 08:35, giving us 5-10 minutes to clear the playground before they arrive.

Whilst these measures may not work for everyone, decisions have had to be made to ensure safety is prioritised.

Thank you for your collaboration.



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 (%)	99	100	95.6	97.6	98.6	98.6	93.6	99.3	94.3	93.7	96.5	97.8	97.2
ATTENDANCE SINCE SEPTEMBER (%)	99.6	100	96.9	97.6	97.6	99.3	96.7	96.6	95.8	96	96.3	93.2	97.2
LAST WEEK'S PUNCTUALITY (%)	100	100	99.3	99.7	99.4	98	99.7	98.6	98.1	98.5	100	98.9	99.2

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.



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Children from Year 1 to Year 6 will soon be informed about our School Council elections.

School Council are democratically elected by children, for children. Elected Councillors bring issues discussed in class to a fortnightly meeting which then looks at ways to improve our school for the better, based on our children's views.

School Councillors also help organise regular events which focus on the values of the school, particularly events which will raise our awareness about issues which we all care about.

Elections will take place on Monday 1st October and results will be announced the following week.

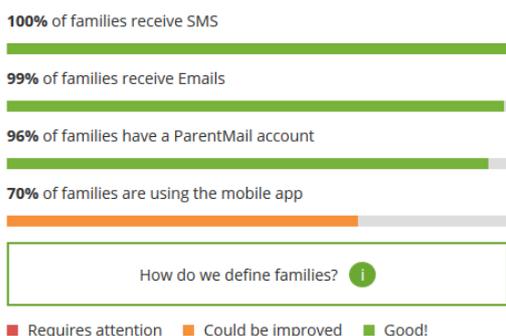


STEP ZONE

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

A meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th, at 18:30. If you're keen to attend, sign up at www.lafontaineacademy.org/wrap-around-care.

Your Stats



PARENTMAIL STATS – GREAT START!

- It's great to see that 100% of our families receive SMS messages from ParentMail.
- 99% receive emails successfully.
- 96% have a ParentMail account.
- However, only 70% use the mobile app. To receive direct notifications, please download the ParentMail app as soon as possible.





PARENTS & TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

www.ptalafontaine.org.uk



WE WOULD LOVE TO GET MORE PARENTS AND CARERS INVOLVED IN OUR ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR!

We are still seeking respondents to our [short survey](#) - please fill it out to let us know how you'd like to get involved over the course of this year.

If you would consider becoming our new Chair, please note this in the survey and we will get in touch to discuss. We're hoping to elect to this role at our general meeting this coming Friday.

Other ways to volunteer include:

- Joining our fabulous events committee
- Organising one off fundraising projects
- Developing grant applications for larger fundraising projects
- Managing partnerships with local vendors
- Rallying support for PTA and school projects as a Class Rep

Visit our website for more information: www.ptalafontaine.org.uk

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 28th September, 9:10-10am: General PTA Meeting. Come support the Macmillan Coffee Morning directly after drop off, and then join this meeting to learn more about the PTA structure, communications channels and varied ways you can get involved throughout the year. We will also elect a new Chair for our Trustee Board, responsible for wide oversight across all PTA activities and growing collaboration between our parent/carer community.

Friday 28th September, 7-10pm: LFA Welcome Wine and Cheese Night. A great opportunity to mingle with new and existing parents. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be sold. Please advance book; the £5 ticket price includes the cheese buffet.