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Executive Head Teacher



Welcome back to school for the spring term 2017. We would like to say a special welcome to all the new children who have joined the academy.

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Parent Governor

I am pleased to announce that Lorna Bell and Aline Ranussi have been elected to be the newest members of the Durand Academy governing body. I have no doubt that they will make an excellent contribution, to the continued success of Durand Academy.

I also want to pay tribute to the whole governing body for the vital contribution they make to the School.

Congratulations again to Lorna and Aline, I wish them every success in their new roles.

Attendance and Punctuality

Persistent absence is a serious problem for students. Much of the work children miss when they are off school is never made up, leaving these students at a considerable disadvantage for the remainder of their school career. There is also clear evidence of a link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement:

Here are five startling facts:

- Of students who miss more than 50 per cent of school, only three per cent manage to achieve five A* to Cs including English and Maths.
- Of students who miss between 10 per cent and 20 per cent of school, only 35 per cent manage to achieve five A* to C GCSEs including English and Maths.
- Of students who miss less than five per cent of school, 73 per cent achieve five A* to C's including English and Maths.
- A student with 85% attendance will miss 29 school days a year – that is HALF A TERM of learning lost.
- A student who misses 38 days each year will miss 2 ½ whole years of learning by the age of 16.

Education is important; missing school means missing out. Children should be at school, on time and ready to learn, every day the school is open, unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable. **Permitting absence from school without a good reason is an offence in law by the parent that may result in legal action by the Local Authority.**

Year 5

Last term we choose children who had been fantastic for the whole term and thought they should get a special mention for being so fabulous!

5B – Josemaria: Displays fantastic behaviour and always gives 110% to his work meaning he has improved in leaps and bounds. He will happily help others with his learning and can always be relied on to help the teachers and TA's.

5C – Nicky: She consistently worked hard throughout the term, always trying her hardest and completing work to a fantastic standard. She is kind and considerate to other children and brings a positive energy to the classroom.

5D – Jaudelle: She consistently works hard, has a very positive attitude, fantastic behaviour as well as good all round assessment scores. She is a credit to the class.

5E – Atiyah: She shows outstanding attitude combined with her leadership skills when it comes to directing the class around the school. She is polite and respectful to other children in the class as well as teachers. Atiyah has become a role model for 5E with her good behaviour.

5F – Klara: She always works hard, takes suggestions for improvement on board and acts accordingly, is polite and friendly and follows all instructions.



Online Payments

Once again we would like to thank all the parents who are using our online payments system to pay for school meals and after school club.

Parents please be reminded If you are making payments online and your child does not attend the after school club (ASC Main or ASC Mostyn), please ensure you always make your payment in the school meals section and not the after school club section. This is the third option on the page.

If you have not already signed up and wish to do so, please email admin@durandprimary.com to request a code.

Uniform

Parents are reminded children may wear a plain black or royal blue hat (no logos allowed).

We have beanie hats available in the offices on both sites to purchase.

Girls may wear either white socks or grey socks or tights to school. No other colours are permitted to be worn.

Boys are only permitted to wear grey socks.

Hoodies are not permitted to be worn to school.

Please also ensure to pack the appropriate underwear for your children when they do swimming as some children have recently forgot to bring these to school.

Year 6

On Wednesday 18th January Year 6 will have their height and weight measured.

If you do not wish for your child to do so please complete and return to the office the slip given to you before the end of last term.

Packed Lunches

Durand operates Healthy Eating which includes school lunches and also packed lunches.

Parents who choose to provide a packed lunch for their child are asked to follow the following guidelines:

A healthy packed lunch could contain:

- Sandwiches
- Fruit
- Small yoghurt
- Healthy snack bars

Durand packed lunches **should not** contain:

- Sweets of any description
- Drinks – water is available at the table for all children
- Chocolate bars

Please be aware of this guidance when preparing your child's lunch.



Reception Admissions

Any parent/carer of children born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 has to apply for their place for Reception. They will **not** automatically be given a place in Reception.

In order to apply for a Reception place, parent/carers must fill out the Common Application Form (CAF) online at: www.lambeth.gov.uk/eadmissions. Details about this process are in the booklet 'Starting School in Lambeth'.

Lambeth Education are also holding open meetings for parents/carers about the admissions process. The dates are on the back cover of the booklet.

The deadline for all applications to be returned to Lambeth is **Sunday 15th January 2017**.

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages for last week are:

Nursery	94%	Year 6	97%
Reception	94%	Year 7	95%
Year 1	95%	Year 8	93%
Year 2	97%	Year 9	99%
Year 3	94%	Year 10	91%
Year 4	96%	Year 11	96%
Year 5	94%	School Total	95%

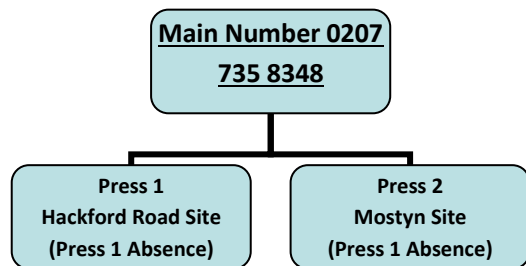
The national average is 95%

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Absences

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If your child is going to be absent from school please call the schools absent line and leave a message.



If your child is unwell for three days or more, you will need to provide a written note from your doctor confirming their illness.

School Journey

The Year 6 School Journey to the Kingswood Centre in Staffordshire will take place from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd June 2017.

The third payment instalment was due on Friday 6th January 2017. For those who have missed this date please ensure payment is received by **Friday 13th January 2017**.

Payments can be made online at www.scopay.com/durandacademy. If you wish to register to pay online, please email the office (admin@durandprimary.com) to request a code.

Please ensure prompt payment is made as the centre requires regular deposits.

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IS THE MOST POWERFUL
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Nelson Mandela

School Term Dates 2016-17

Spring Term 2017

Finish Date Friday 10th February

Half Term Monday 13th to Friday 17th February

Start Date Monday 20th February

Finish Date Friday 31st March

Summer Term

Start Date Tuesday 18th April 2017

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2017

Finish Date Friday 26th May 2017

Half Term Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2017

Start Date Monday 5th June 2017

Finish Date Friday 21st July 2017

Three INSET Days to be decided

School Meals

SCHOOL MEALS PRICE LIST

2016-2017

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(TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY TO FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2017)

MOSTYN SITE - £37.70

JUNIOR/MIDDLE SCHOOL SITE - £43.50

(WEDNESDAY 4TH TO FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2017)

BOARDING SCHOOL - £42.00

WEEKLY COST (TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE ON A MONDAY)

MOSTYN SITE (NURSERY AND YEAR 3) - £6.50

JUNIOR/MIDDLE SCHOOL AND BOARDING SITE - £7.50

TO REGISTER FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO REQUEST A CODE.

IF YOU ARE CHANGING FROM SCHOOL MEALS TO PACKED LUNCH OR VICE VERSA YOU MUST NOTIFY THE OFFICE IN WRITING.

You can view past newsletters on our website at <http://www.durandacademy.com/news/>.

If the school does not have your email address please give it in to reception or email admin@durandprimary.com.