

8th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

End of Year summary and getting ready for August 2021

Feedback from the Annual Parental Questionnaire

As part of our relentless drive to improve standards across the school, we need to understand the views of everyone associated with Limehurst Academy. It is important that you can express your views and assist us in meeting the needs of our students.

In June, we asked all parents for their feedback through an online survey. The results were encouragingly very positive overall, with **all** answers weighted heavily to 'strongly agree/agree'.

'Improve, Move and Remove' Behaviour Policy

Thank you for your support with our new initiatives. The three-stage system of 'Improve, Move, Remove' is working well; students can see how well they are doing and the consequences if they get to the next level. I hope that all students are noticing the reduction in the level of disruption in class.

The inclusion room has been running since half term and is being used very productively with many students, for a variety of different reasons. This is a work orientated, small group facility, where students can work in an alternative environment to a classroom for part or all day. We also run some sanctions from this room, but the core aim is to work with students on strategies to get them back into class as soon as possible with minimal disruption.

August Uniform

I am very proud to say that the majority of our students look outstanding in their uniform. Worn correctly, the uniform shows a real sense of pride in our community. However, despite regular reminders, some students are arriving to school in incorrect/inappropriate items.

As all students are aware, hoodies/non Limehurst logo jumpers are not permitted in school and will be taken at the gate upon entry to school. In addition, I am also keen to ensure that all students have their ties on properly and their shirts tucked in. This will be a major focus when we return in August. If students are not in the correct uniform, parents/carers will be contacted and students either sent home to change or parents asked to bring the correct uniform into school, which is something I am very keen to avoid.

[Limehurst Academy - School Uniform](#)

Piercings

The school is also clear on which piercings are permitted – one pair of small stud earrings, no nose studs, or facial piercings. If your child is considering piercings, please do this at the start of the summer break, so they can be removed 6 weeks later for school. I appreciate piercings take time to heal and are difficult to remove during this period, so please consider your timings carefully as piercings will need to be removed for school.

I really appreciate your ongoing support in ensuring we are doing all we can to ensure your child looks smart for school.

Attendance and Punctuality

Nearly all students are punctual and arrive to registration on time. A minority do not and some of these students are late far too often. As a school, we need to improve this – every student should be on time. Following a review, we have made some changes to how we will challenge poor punctuality during the next academic year. Consequences of lateness to school will work on a weekly basis as below:

1st Late = Warning

2nd Late = 15 min same day detention

3rd Late = 30 min same day detention

4th Late = 45 min same day detention

5th Late = 1 day in Inclusion

What is good attendance?

Is 90% attendance good? **No!**

- 90% attendance will mean that ½ a day is missed every week.
- If a student has 90% attendance over a school year, then they will miss one month of school. That is over 100 lessons!
- After 5 years at school (Years 7-11) – it means that a student will miss half a school year, this directly impacts upon student progression, achievement and ultimately life choices.
- Further research has found that for every 17 days of school lost per year, a student will drop, on average, a full GCSE grade.

The school naturally wants to maintain excellent attendance so that children's achievement is maximised.

Holidays

Removing your child from school during term-time hinders their learning and places them at a distinct disadvantage, in terms of both their education and in comparison with their peer's opportunities and achievements. Parents/carers have a legal duty to ensure their child attends

school and they are expected to take holidays during official school holidays – which equates to approximately 90 days per year.

Accompanying this letter is a document entitled '**When to send my child into school**'; it is designed by the NHS and is provided to help parents/carers decide whether their children should be absent from school and for how long – however, please note that these are guidelines only.

If there are any queries about any of the above, please contact me by email on ssmith@limehurst.org.uk over the next few days.

I hope everyone has a fantastic summer break!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SSS' with a horizontal line underneath.

Steve Smith
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What it's called	What it's like	Going to school	Getting treatment	More advice
Chicken Pox	Rash begins as small, red, flat spots that develop into itchy fluid-filled blisters	●	Pharmacy	Back to school 5 days after on-set of the rash
Common Cold	Runny nose, sneezing, sore throat	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Conjunctivitis	Teary, red, itchy, painful eye(s)	●	Pharmacy	Try not to touch eye to avoid spreading
Flu	Fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, headache body aches and pain, exhaustion, sore throat	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
German measles	Fever, tiredness. Raised, red, rash that starts on the face and spreads downwards.	●	G.P.	Back to school 6 days from on-set of rash
Glandular fever	high temperature, sore throat; usually more painful than any before and swollen glands	●	G.P.	Child needs to be physically able to concentrate
Hand, foot & mouth disease	Fever, sore throat, headache, small painful blisters inside the mouth on tongue and gums (may appear on hands and feet)	●	G.P.	Only need to stay off if feeling too ill for school
Head lice	Itchy scalp (may be worse at night)	●	Pharmacy	
Impetigo	Clusters of red bumps or blisters surrounded by area of redness	●	G.P.	Back to school when lesions crust or 48 hours after start of antibiotics
Measles	Fever, cough, runny nose, and watery inflamed eyes. Small red spots with white or bluish white centres in the mouth, red, blotchy rash	●	G.P.	Back to school 4 days from on-set of rash
Ringworm	Red ring shaped rash, may be itchy rash may be dry and scaly or wet and crusty	●	G.P.	
Scabies	Intense itching, pimple – like rash Itching and rash may be all over the body but commonly between the fingers, wrists, elbows, arm	●	G.P.	Back to school after first treatment
Shingles	Pain, itching, or tingling along the affected nerve pathway. Blister-type rash	●	G.P.	Only stay off school if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Sickness bug/ diarrhoea	Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea	●	Pharmacy	See GP if symptoms persist after 48 hours
Threadworms	Intense itchiness around anus	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Tonsillitis	Intense Sore throat	●	Pharmacy	See GP if temperature lasts more than 48 hours or cannot swallow
Whooping cough	Violent coughing, over and over, until child inhales with “whooping” sound to get air into lungs	●	G.P.	Back to school after 5 days of antibiotics or 21 days from onset of illness

See www.patient.co.uk for further information on each of these conditions

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This information is a guide and has been checked by health professionals however, if you are unsure about your child's wellbeing we recommend you contact your pharmacy or GP to check.