

La Moye Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

Halloween Movie Night

Thursday 2nd November, 5pm – 7pm Film: Hotel Transylvania 3. Tickets are £3, available through ParentPay or put cash in a named envelope to the office.

Diary Dates

With this newsletter we have attached the updated diary dates for the rest of this term, and for some events, the rest of the year. These will be amended and added to as the year progresses, so watch this space for updates. Revised diary dates will be circulated each term.

School Council

We have announced our new School Council for this year, following the elections that took place on 2nd October. Well done to everyone that took part in the process- some really compelling manifestos and speeches! The new school council will be meeting shortly to begin their roles. We look forward to seeing what issues they raise and the decisions they make.

School Council 2023-2024

1A: Tallulah Daly

1B: Thea Nolan

2a: Leo Mcdade

2B: Oliver Saxon

3A: James Botrel

3B: Ari

4A: Maise Beth Haugh

4B: Leila Stokes and Aubery Moore

5A: Dylan La Marquan-Coutanche

5B: Milo Such

6A: Lyra Walklett

6B: Freddie Jones

Uniform Survey

Thank you to everyone for completing our uniform survey. We had an incredible response rate- 179 people completed the survey, which must be a record!

The headlines from this are:

- 73% of parents report that the current uniform is affordable
- 84% report it is durable
- 63% have used the second-hand shop
- 83% are happy or very happy with the current La Moye uniform
- 61% are happy or very happy with the current PE uniform

The top three most important factors around uniform are (in order):

- 1) Comfort (84% of people had this in their top 3)
- 2) Quality and durability (83% of people had this in their top 3)
- 3) Cost (70% of people had this in their top 3)

Survey Data	Initial Response
<p>The four main reasons for replacing uniform are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Too small – 32% - Lost items – 23% - Paint stained- 22% - Worn out- 17% 	<p>Lost items- this is children’s responsibility, and we must continue to encourage them to take their own responsibility for this, with reminders from staff and parents. However, please ensure items are named clearly so if they are lost, they are easier to find. The Lost Property is checked regularly and named items are returned.</p> <p>Paint-stained Items- We will be asking teachers to ask you to send in (if not already done) an old over-sized t-shirt/named painting apron that can go over school uniform when painting, and try to ensure children wear these when painting.</p>
<p>In terms of the suggestions for changes to the uniform, these are the responses in order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Change/Discontinue tracksuit bottoms (58% agreed) 2) Change tracksuit top for a branded sweatshirt (51% agreed) 3) Remove logo on polo shirts (31% agreed) 4) Wear school cardigan/jumper instead of tracksuit (25%) 5) PE kit has sky blue polo (21%) 6) Smart shirt in KS2 (16%) 	<p>1 and 2) We have spoken to our suppliers about this option. However, this will take a little time as suppliers are not willing to update items at present whilst they await the Government of Jersey new policy and decide whether or not to remain in the market. If parents wish to send their child in wearing plain navy leggings or the PE shorts instead of tracksuit bottoms this winter, this is fine. <i>No branded items with logos or other colours will be acceptable.</i></p> <p>3) Whilst this was the third placed answer, nearly 70% of people did not choose this option, and it was only half of popular as changing the tracksuit. Some people felt very strongly that the logos should remain. Reading the comments, the main drivers for wanting this change seemed to be cost and the availability of cheaper alternatives. A few people commented on the logo backing being a little ‘scratchy’ for some skin types. We are going to await the new Government of Jersey guidance before exploring this option.</p>

7) Change striped summer dress to check dress (13%)	4/5/6) These options were very unpopular, so will not be explored further. Interestingly the lowest response rate was for changing the striped summer dress.
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Updates on Next Steps:

Tracksuits: As you can see from this data, the key issues surround the school tracksuit, which we are looking to explore. We have informed our suppliers and will work with them to find a better option in time, however, all of this has to wait until the Government of Jersey issues new guidance.

Second-hand Uniform Shop: In response to the survey we are working to improve access to the second-hand uniform shop through an online request form on our website, which will go to the PTA and they will hopefully find the item you are looking for, and keep it for you/send it home with your child. We are also trying to set up alternative storage for the uniform so it is more accessible, and can be available at every cake sale and school event for example.

Gender-neutral: We are continuing to ensure that our uniform is gender neutral and so will combine the two options into one that covers all. One parent asked about girls wearing trousers- this is absolutely fine within even the current guidance, girls can wear navy trousers in a school style.

Uniform Cost: If your family are having difficulty finding the cost of uniform, and your children are entitled to the Jersey Premium, please let us know. We are happy to find you items from the second hand shop or also to point you in contact with local charities that offer support. We are determined not to let any child be prevented from having the correct uniform due to cost. If you are eligible for Jersey Premium and need support, please let us know.

Art Aprons: We will talk to the teachers about this, and come back to you.

Lost Property Volunteers: If any parents could support with doing a weekly sort through of lost property we would be super grateful. Please contact the office if you could help- it would only be around an hour a week.

Yours sincerely,



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