

'Success for Everyone'

Newsletter

September 2023
Consideration

Interim Assistant Headteacher's Message:

Welcome back! I hope that you all have had a good summer break and are ready to see what is in store. As we commence this new academic year I would like to continue building relationships with our families and carers, and to reassure you all that at EMLM our learners are at the heart of everything that we do.

Together we can give our learners the benefit of a close working partnership to provide them with individualised opportunities, teaching and learning and holistic support.

This term the staff and learners will be focusing on our Core Values of Manners, Respect, Honesty and Consideration and how we can ensure they become part of who we say we are.

Ms Fletcher



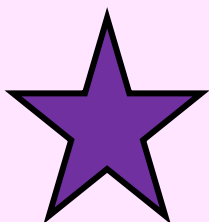
If you have any concerns or issues

please contact us on:

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Achievement Certificates this month have been given to learners for:

'being very helpful around the school.'

'settling in well.'

'...accepting that if you want change then you have to change.'

'being more than capable of working once your mind is made up to do it.'

'...building up trust with staff and peers.'

'...getting on with the work assigned.'



Pupil Voice: Consideration

We have started the new academic year with enthusiasm and excitement. We have also had new learners join us. We continue to inform our learners when a new student is joining and they are aware that the new person may need help in settling in. Our existing learners have shown great consideration; welcoming them, ensuring they know 'what is what.'

Being greeted by friendly learners and staff goes a long way in helping our new joiners to feel at ease.

"I enjoyed helping ... feel welcome at EMLM as I remember what it was like being a new person and how I felt..."



Attendance - Late arrivals...

Learners should arrive at school at 9:00am promptly.

Registers close at 9:10am and if you arrive after this time, your attendance will be marked as late!

If you need support in arriving on time please speak to a member of staff.

Timetables...

We have devised a two week timetable so that we have greater flexibility to timetable lessons. This also allows us to teach a broad range of subject choices and enhances the learning experience in all subjects. This has been discussed and shared with all our learners. We will continue to amend and adapt as necessary as the term continues. Please contact info@emlm.org.uk if you require a copy of this.



Curriculum shout out: Languages - French

Our learners were given an opportunity to interact online with a French language teacher. The session consisted of making introductions in French, learning the months of the year, colours, describing their appearance and playing a matching game. Click on the link below to find out about the benefits of language learning:

[How learning a new language changes your brain | Cambridge English](#)

Filtering and Monitoring

As you may be aware Online Safety is part of Safeguarding. At EMLM we are working closely with WebTitan our IT tech support to identify:

- What we will allow in school
- What will be blocked (for whom, when and where)
- Why we are doing this

We want to ensure our rationale is strategic, driven by safeguarding requirements and closely followed by teaching and learning needs. We will continue to ask the question 'are we over-blocking?' as we do not want to negatively impact teaching and learning.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance: Please ensure all medical appointments to GP and/or dental where possible are booked during the school holidays.

Punctuality: We are highlighting the benefits of punctuality with our learners this term. We want them to understand that being punctual for school, appointments etc, means they have thought and planned their travel time and distance, and foreseen any untoward incidents that may delay them. Being punctual means, they have organised their day well.

“When children improve their attendance and punctuality, they improve their academic prospects and opportunity.”



<https://communityconnectionslewisham.org/>

<https://lewisham.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/my services/environment/environment/energyefficiency>

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/my services/cost-of-living/food-services>

Online Safety message – Website links

We all have a part to play in keeping students safe online. Understanding online safety is tricky for all ages, therefore we have added a link to our website

<https://www.emlm.org.uk/online-safety> where you can find advice for families/carers in how to support your children. Here are further links for advice:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/>



Parents/Carers Voice

EMLM regularly consults with our parents/carers to make sure that they have opportunities to express and share their views. These views will be taken into account where possible, to ensure that any potential changes in policies and procedures are informed and understood by all stakeholders.

KEY DATES

*Monday 4th September 2023
School closed for Learners -
staff training.*

Autumn Term 1

Tuesday 5th September

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Friday 20th October 2023

Half Term – EMLM closed

Monday 23rd October

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Friday 27th October 2023

Autumn Term 2

Monday 30 October

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Wednesday 20th December
2023

Christmas Holidays

Thursday 21st December

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Wednesday 3rd January
2024