



Dear Families,

It is my pleasure, in my role as Deputy Head, to be writing this week's newsletter on behalf of Mrs Milling. She has been away from school, undertaking important work as an ISI inspector. I am delighted to step in and share some of the highlights and updates.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all pupils and families following the Easter break. It has been wonderful to see the children back in school, and they have returned with enthusiasm and focus, working incredibly hard throughout the week. There has been a real sense of excitement around the school as new topics have begun: Year 2 were delighted by a visit from dancing animals, Year 3 enjoyed an exciting encounter with a robot and Year 6 rose to the challenge of dissections in their Science lessons. What a fantastic and inspiring start to the term's learning.

We would also like to welcome new pupils and members of staff to our school community this term. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to the enthusiasm and talents you will bring. We hope you feel settled and part of our school family.

Message from Mr Marshman

My first few days at Lancing Prep Worthing have been a real pleasure. It's been great fun getting to know lots of the children and seeing their enthusiasm for sport so clearly. I've also been struck by how warm and welcoming everyone has been, which has made settling in very easy. I'm really looking forward to the weeks ahead and everything the Summer Term will bring.

Message from Mrs Pacey

Year 2 have made me feel so welcome. Everyone has been so friendly, and I can't wait for next week!

The Summer Term is often our busiest and, for many children, the most enjoyable. There is a full and exciting programme of events planned, so we encourage you to download the Parent Calendar onto your devices if you haven't done so already via www.lancingprepworthingcalendar.org.uk.

We will also continue to share photographs with you through our social media channels,



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which again, if you do not currently follow, you might wish to. Click the buttons at the bottom to follow our pages.

We would like to inform parents that the Department for Education (DfE) has recently updated its guidance on the use of restrictive interventions in schools. This guidance applies to all state-maintained and independent schools in England and sets out clear expectations around safeguarding, transparency, and the wellbeing of children.

We recognise how important it is for parents to feel informed and reassured. Please find attached a letter which outlines this guidance in more detail and explains how it is reflected in our approach. We remain committed to working in partnership with families, placing children's safety, dignity and wellbeing at the heart of everything we do.

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 27 April

5.30pm Year 5 and 6 LAMDA showing for parents in the hall

Tuesday 28 April

4.30pm Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 LAMDA showing for parents in the hall

Wednesday 29 April

UK Maths Challenge for Years 7-8 and some Year 6 pupils

Friday 1 May

Year 3 Trip to Lancing College Farm

Year 5 and Year 6 – PCSO Chris Marsden - Personal safety in the Community

Monday 4 May

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Tuesday 5 May

5.30pm Year 7 and 8 LAMDA showing for parents in the hall



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Thursday 7 May

Prep Schools' Orchestral Day at Lancing College

No Year 7 and 8 MFL and Carousel Activities at Lancing College on this day

Friday 8 May

Year 2 trip to Drusillas

Save the Dates:

Monday 22 June - Thursday 25 June

Careers Week

Friday 26 June

Third Generation Day

Congratulations to:

Jacob S-Y who won 2 Gold and 2 Silver medals at the Hampshire County Interclub Gymnastics Competition.

Emily S-Y who won 2 Bronze medals at the Hampshire County Interclu Gymnastics Competition.

I wish you a very happy weekend.

Best wishes,

Lindsey Townsend
Deputy Head



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Notices 24 April:

<https://bit.ly/LPW-NOTICES-24-04-26>

Headteacher Awards (27 March-23 April):

<https://bit.ly/lpw-headteacher-awards-24-04-26>

Lunch Menus w/c 27 April:

<https://bit.ly/lpw-lunch-menu-27-04-26>

Music Timetables w/c 27 April:

<https://bit.ly/lpw-music-timetables-27-04-26>

24 April 2026

Dear Families,

We are writing to share with you the Department for Education's updated guidance on Restrictive Interventions, including the use of reasonable force in schools, which will come into effect in April 2026. We want to reassure you from the outset that our priority is always the safety, wellbeing and dignity of every child in our care, and this guidance simply strengthens the transparency and communication schools are expected to uphold with families.

The updated guidance requires schools to inform parents whenever a *restrictive intervention* has been used to keep a pupil, or others, safe. A restrictive intervention is defined as any action—physical or non-physical—that temporarily prevents, restricts or subdues movement to avoid harm, significant disruption, or danger. While this sounds formal, the purpose is to ensure children are protected in rare, high-risk situations.

We would like to reassure you that such interventions are **extremely** rare at our school. We are very fortunate to have a truly calm, nurturing and supportive environment, created not only by our staff but also by the wonderful children who fill our classrooms every day. Their kindness, curiosity and respect for one another contribute hugely to the positive atmosphere we all enjoy. Our staff are highly skilled in de-escalation, emotional regulation strategies and early-intervention approaches, and these are always our first and preferred responses. We focus on connection, communication and understanding to help children navigate challenging moments safely and confidently. Restrictive interventions are only ever used when a pupil is at immediate risk of harm, and only when no other safe option is available.

As part of the new expectations, schools are also asked to avoid adopting a 'no contact' policy. This is to ensure staff can intervene when absolutely necessary to protect a child. The guidance also makes clear that schools cannot agree to requests from parents not to use reasonable force where it may be required to keep pupils safe. However, our overarching aim remains to build trusting, open relationships with families, and so we will always communicate clearly and sensitively if a situation has required a restrictive intervention.

Should such an intervention be used, we will inform parents via email, using the terminology "restrictive intervention", and we will always offer the opportunity for a follow-up conversation or meeting to discuss what happened, answer any questions, and ensure your child feels supported.

Although this guidance applies mainly to schools, our Nursery and Pre-School team will also be adopting these principles to ensure consistency and openness with families. In a Nursery/Pre-School setting, this would typically relate to instances such as a short period of supervised time-out in a safe area, or similar age-appropriate measures used solely to keep children safe.

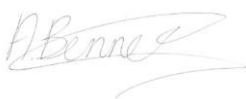
Please be assured that the safety and wellbeing of every child remain central to every decision we make. We will continue to keep families updated should the national guidance be amended again.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Very best wishes,



Francesca Milling
Head



Amie Bennet
SENCo and DSL



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