



# Grands Vaux Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Maria McCool



Friday, 26 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome to newsletter 4.

## Lyndale Uniform Sales:

As you may be aware there has been a uniform policy introduced by CYPES, this is following work undertaken by Inna Gardiner, Minister for Children and Education. This indicates that schools should limit uniform to five bespoke items. Currently the only branded items we have as a school are the purple jumpers/cardigans and the white polo shirt.

Lyndale have shared information regarding their future plans – they will cease to sell uniform to Government of Jersey Schools. The latest update shared with me explained that they will continue to stock plain items such as polo shirts, sweatshirts, jumpers, cardigans, tracksuits, trousers, skirts, etc but will no longer sell Grands Vaux School (or any other GoJ school) branded uniform.

They do have some stocks but they are not placing future orders and once this stock is sold they will no longer be our uniform supplier.

Unfortunately as a school we do not have the capacity to sell uniform. Our PTA is also extremely small and this demand would be too much for them.

As a result of the cessation of this supply we will need to consider how we move forward with our uniform. We have two options –

1. Consider moving to a purple jumper and white polo without a school logo,
2. Keep the uniform the same and look to an off island supplier.

When I have a clearer picture of what this means for our uniform, I will update you.

## Free Second-Hand Uniform:

As you are aware, our take rails in the front entrance to school, are unnamed lost property that have not been claimed. These items can be taken free of charge.

I have also been made aware of the following Facebook page – School Clothes Bank Jersey CI – free second-hand uniform - (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551584833195>)

## Grands Vaux School PTA:

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tues 27.2.24 @ 3.30pm

This will be an opportunity to hold re-elections as you will be aware that Mrs Albuquerque had kindly taken over as PTA chair following Miss O'Connor's resignation.

## Attendance and Punctuality:

A reminder that school doors open at 8:30am with a lesson start time of 8.45am.

Children who arrive 30mins after the register has closed are marked with a 'U' code. This 'U' code does affect overall attendance percentage, with these session not being accounted for even as a part session, it is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

CYPES Attendance Policy can be found here –

<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Education/P%20School%20Attendance%20Policy%2020190227%20JP.pdf>

This documents explains the graduated response for Education Welfare Team involvement. Attendance 95-91% is classified as concerning, 90-86% class teachers will be in touch to discuss an attendance plan. If there is no improvement then a referral will be made to the Education Welfare Team seeking their support.

## Education Welfare Officer for Grands Vaux School:

Jade Lucchesi is our new EWO. You will be able to meet her as she will be visiting school site at drop off to introduce herself. Should any parent/carer need support with punctuality or attendance issues then please do get in touch and I can co-ordinate an introduction.

## Short Story Competition yr 1-6 (Reminder):

You should have received a letter about this already. If not please do let us know.

In conjunction with the States of Jersey Infrastructure and Environment Department, children and young people are being invited to participate in a Short Story Competition, encouraging them to unleash their imagination and write an engaging story. Winners will be announced on World Book Day, Thursday 7 March 2024. Deadline for entries to school is Friday 9th February.

**Best Start Partnership Event:**

St. Paul's Centre on the 9th / 10th of February from 9am to 12pm

Event to hear about the Best Start Partnerships successes and how they are working together to support 0- 5-year-olds and their families in Jersey. This is also an opportunity to provide input into the plan for 2024 onwards.

Children are welcome to attend the event but must be always supervised by a parent/carer.



**Best Start**  
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You are asked to sign up to one of the two event dates (the content will be the same on both dates).

Register to attend here: <https://beststart2024.eventbrite.co.uk/>

**Bentley Photographic (reminder):**

Bentley are undertaking individual portraits and sibling portraits on Monday 05/02/2024.

Sibling Portraits will be taken from 8.15-8.45am.

Individual Portraits will be taken from 8:45am onwards.

Please ensure your child(ren) come to school in full school uniform.

**DATES:**

INSET Dates – Wednesday 27 March 2024, Friday 24 May 2024 - school is closed to the children

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, concerns or there is anything I can do to help and support you with your child's learning and school life. All at Grands Vaux Primary School are committed to the well-being of your child/ren so if we can help, please let us know.

Kind regards

Miss Maria McCool – Headteacher