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Dear Families,

## Little Wandle/Collins

Lumen Learning Trust believe that education is the basis for a secure and brighter future. A key building block in this educational journey is phonics. It is important for children to learn letter-sound relationships as our language uses letters in the alphabet to represent sounds. Phonics teaches this information to help children learn how to read as they learn the sounds that each letter makes, and how a change in the order of letters changes a word's meaning. Put simply, phonics gives your child a crucial head start in learning to read.

In order to further support our teaching of Phonics we use a cutting edge phonics programme endorsed by the Department of Education. The Little Wandle "Letters and Sounds" system ensures we provide a consistent phonics programme across Key Stage 1 and 2. This system allows teachers to increase their insight into your child's progress, allowing them to more easily spot any gaps in your child's learning journey so they can remedy it. Class teachers are able to communicate regularly with parents if a child is finding phonics difficult.

Parents are able to assist their child in building phonics skills at home via the Little Wandle Parent's page (<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>) where you can view free advice on how to support your child's learning. Parents are also able to make use of a complimentary Collins e-books account as part of Little Wandle's offer – your child's class teacher will be able to share Little Wandle books with you online which match those used by your child in school. This helps to further embed the skills your child will be acquiring in the classroom environment as part of their at home reading journey.

Little Wandle is used as an integral part of our education programme for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, it is also used in KS2. In order to set up the Little Wandle and Collins e-books profiles we need to share pupil personal data, this will be limited to only what is necessary to effectively use the services. If you would like more information about Little Wandle and how they use personal data please visit their website and privacy policy via <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/privacy-policy/>.

If you have any concerns about your child participating in this phonics programme to support their learning, please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible and no later than three days after your child's start date.

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