

17TH July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We recently communicated some changes to the school uniform. These changes took into account the following:

- Comments made by any parents who responded to the governor's request. for suggestions to aide the uniform review.
- Affordability of the current uniform, including the number of items and the individual cost of each one.
- The wellbeing and comfort of the children.
- The inclusivity of the current uniform.

However, following parental feedback made since the changes were communicated, we felt it appropriate to provide some rationale for the decisions made specifically with regard to the proposed move from the requirement of two uniforms to the same uniform throughout the year.

Removal of Shirt and Tie

Our decision has been taken with one key priority in mind: the comfort, wellbeing and inclusion of our children. We know that children spend many hours collaborating, playing and taking part in a wide range of activities. When children are comfortable, they are better able to focus, engage in learning and participate fully in school life. The polo shirts provide a practical, comfortable option that allows children to move freely throughout the day while still maintaining a smart and consistent appearance.

The change also supports our commitment to being an inclusive school. Some children experience sensory differences and traditional shirts and ties can be uncomfortable or distracting. A polo shirt offers a simpler, more comfortable option that helps reduce unnecessary barriers, enabling all children to feel settled, confident and ready to learn.

We also considered the financial impact on parents. The requirement of having one uniform in the winter and another in the summer adds an unnecessary financial burden on parents. However, having one style of top throughout the year reduces the number of uniform items needed, helping simplify expectations while offering a potential cost saving.

We understand that some parents are concerned about losing the Lower Peover identity. We strongly believe that the uniform is only a part of the Lower Peover identity, your children that wear that uniform are what makes us unique, in how they embody our school values of Love, Wisdom and Respect whether they are wearing the uniform in the school or out of it with pride.

We have worked hard to ensure that someone will always be known as a Lower Peover pupil, the logo will not change (once through the transition period, depending on the day children will be required to wear PE or polo shirt with the school logo on) and they will now always be wearing an item of clothing with the logo on it.

We are proud that our children will always be representing us and we will continue to have high expectations of them. We appreciate the concerns raised about not being able to use uniform already purchased or uniform handed down through families/ friends. The option of a shirt/ tie will remain in place from September 2026 until April 2027. Therefore, the children can, if they wish, continue to wear the shirt and tie for this period.

Ultimately, the change to one uniform reflects our belief that children's comfort, wellbeing and readiness to learn should be at the heart of the decisions we make. By choosing a practical, inclusive and cost-effective uniform, we aim to provide an environment where every child feels comfortable, confident and ready to succeed.

Colour of Polo Shirt

Having considered the sky blue and the navy options for the polo shirts, we felt that the navy blue provided a smarter look and the longevity needed to endure the inevitable white board pen and grass stains. However, we have taken on board parental feeling towards the sky blue colour and can now confirm that both sky blue and navy blue can be worn by the children. We do not intend to discontinue the sky blue colour. However, in September 2027, it will be compulsory for all t-shirts (polo shirts and PE t-shirts) to have a Lower Peover logo.

To summarise:

1. We are introducing the option for children to wear polo shirts all year round. This will become mandatory in September 2027.
2. During the period September 2026 to April 2027 children will have the choice of either wearing the polo shirts or the shirt and tie.
3. We will introduce the option of the navy blue polo shirt in September 2026. The children can wear either sky blue or navy blue polo shirts (from September 2027 both of these tshirts must have the Lower Peover logo).
4. On PE days children must wear either a navy cotton tshirt or a navy airtex tshirt (from September 2027 both of these tshirts must have the Lower Peover logo).
5. The new uniform policy will become mandatory from September 2027.

Attached to this email are the Uniform Policy for academic year 2026/2027 and also the Uniform Policy which will be used from September 2027

Kind Regards

Mrs Louise Lawton
Chair of Governors