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Dear Parents/Carers

We have conducted a review of the current logistics, in preparation for our return in September 2026. Whilst the same systems will remain, please can I ask you to read the contents of this letter carefully. There is new, important, information included, and some of the current information will have changed for you going into the new academic year.

Morning Drop off 8.20am – 8.50am

Drop off will continue to be via the front loop only. Children are required to be in school by 8.50am at the latest for morning registration. Doors will continue to be open from 8.20am. Staff will be outside to assist your child/children out of the car; however, we do close the doors promptly at 8.50am to ensure staff can commence their other duties. If you arrive after 8.50am, please walk your child/children to the door to ensure they get into school safely.

We ask that you do not get out of your car on the front loop, to help keep the traffic flowing. Please use the layby if you need to stop for anything including if your child is anxious or upset. We also ask that you do not overtake on the front loop to keep everyone safe.

School reopens to the children on **Wednesday 2nd September 2026** (Tuesday 1st September is an INSET day for staff).

All children, including all the new Reception intake children will commence school full time from Wednesday 2nd September. There will be no phased attendance for the Reception children.

From Wednesday 2nd September all children should be dropped off via the front loop only.

We have found over recent years; the drop off system helps build the children's confidence and they quickly become happy to leave the car and enter school on their own.

We request, even if children are upset, that parents do hand them over to staff and quickly leave; this helps the children settle, and staff are experienced in dealing with such situations. A reminder to all parents that you are not able to enter school with the children. Please can you ensure all this information is passed on to whoever may drop your child/children off at school.

The children will come into school via the 2 front entrances.

Side Entrance
Reception, Years 1, 2 and 5

Main Entrance
Years 3, 4 and 6

Afternoon Collection – 3.20pm finish time for all children

We will continue to use the end of day collection system and times. The end of the day is the only time when cars can enter the playground to park. **The gate to the playground will be open at 3pm. As a result of this traffic flow, please ensure all children are supervised at all times whilst on the playground. Please drive slowly & carefully entering and exiting the playground.**

Please do not allow any children to use the play area at the end of the day or run around the playground.

Plumley School Bus (Plumley residents only)– departs at 3.20pm from front loop of school.

Reception, Year 1 & 2 children (and siblings within key stage 1 only) – collection at 3.20pm via classroom doors to the playground – please depart the playground promptly.

All remaining siblings (across both key stages and key stage 2 only) – NEW TIMINGS – collection between 3.30pm – 3.40pm via classroom doors to the playground. If you arrive early, children will be unable to leave prior to 3.20pm.

Key Stage 2 non-siblings – NEW TIMINGS – collection between 3.35pm – 3.45pm via the front loop – please do not arrive before 3.30pm. **Please be advised, to allow school staff on duty to return to finish their working day, if you arrive later than 3.45pm your child will be placed in wraparound care, where charges will apply.**

The gates to the playground will be open from 3pm to allow cars onto the playground ready for the end of day. All cars are required to be off the playground by 3.45pm so the gate can be locked and after school clubs can commence. If you have an appointment with any member of staff and are parked on the playground, please remove your car before your meeting – thank you.

Plumley School Bus – Each half term you will be asked to confirm if your child will be using the school bus from Plumley in the afternoon, and which days are required. Children will be placed on the bus each afternoon, unless advised otherwise by parents/carers. We are unable to take instruction from the children. Please inform via admin@lowerpeover.cheshire.sch.uk at the earliest opportunity, particularly if they are booked into wraparound care or sports clubs.

We do urge parents to consider using this service if you live in Plumley. It will help with traffic flow to and from school. Please contact Cheshire East, School Transport on either 0300 371 496 or schooltransport@cheshireeast.gov.uk to discuss a permit.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- If another family member is collecting your child/children, please ensure they are aware of all the procedures in place.
- Please place a family name sign in the front window of your car (afternoon collection only via front loop) to assist staff on duty and help keep cars moving as quickly as possible. Staff on duty after school are not the same as in the morning so will not be familiar with cars.
- Please only arrive within your time slot. Early arrival causes queuing up and down The Cobbles and onto the main road.
- Please do not arrive early at the front of school, as we need to keep the front of loop clear for emergency vehicles, the school bus, deliveries, early departure of children for medical appointments.
- Please return to your car and depart as soon as you collect your child/children, to ensure a prompt start for after school clubs. All cars need to be clear of the playground before children are allowed outside for the start of their clubs.
- Please drive slowly & carefully when entering & leaving the playground.
- Please do not leave your car engine running whilst waiting to collect your child.
- If one of your children is attending an after-school club or is off school with illness, please continue to use your usual collection slot & location for your other child/children.
- Any changes to afternoon collection are required by lunchtime (unless in the case of emergencies) at the latest to the school office, either via phone call or email.
 - The end of day is extremely busy across school, so to ensure staff are aware of the changes, and the handover of children is safe, the information is provided by the office to teachers during the lunchbreak.

Collective Worship

Collective Worship will be held in the school hall on a Friday morning. Parents are welcome to attend. You are welcome to go straight to the rear of school to park and walk your child/children around to the front of school if you are attending.

Change of Classrooms

Please be aware that Years 4 & 6 are swapping classrooms over the summer ready for the new academic year. Signage will be placed on the external door or window, so you know where to collect your child from.

P.E

For the new academic year, the children will continue to have 2 x PE sessions per week. Children will wear their school PE kits for their full allocated days, so should arrive at school already wearing their P.E kit.

Reception – Monday & Thursday

Year 1 – Tuesday & Friday

Year 2 – Tuesday & Friday

Year 3 – Monday & Thursday

Year 4 – Monday & Thursday

Year 5 – Monday & Thursday

Year 6 – Tuesday & Friday

Please check the class teachers weekly email for any changes to the above days on any given week.

Please note: when classes have Forest School scheduled, they will not have the additional PE lesson, as Forest School will replace the physical activity. Children should wear Forest School appropriate clothing on these days.

Forest School

We will be continuing with the shorter Forest School sessions for the new academic year. Forest School will continue to operate fortnightly and the morning split into two sessions. This will allow two-year groups to have Forest School on the same day with a focused session.

The dates will be detailed in the weekly newsletter.

Please can you ensure that children wear clothing and shoes suitable for outdoor activities to keep them safe and protected (long sleeves and trousers). We do request that no football tops are worn. Hair should be tied up as usual. Unfortunately, if the required clothing is not worn, we will review if the children are able to take part in the session for their own safety.

It is essential that a spare pair of shoes are brought for the children to change into after their session – this is to avoid mud and dirt being walked through school. Even if the weather is dry, a spare pair of shoes is required – some areas of the woods get little sunlight so there will be patches of damp or wet ground. The school office will call home to request a spare pair of shoes are brought in if necessary.

Swimming 2026 (Key Stage 2)

As part of the national curriculum, swimming is a statutory element meaning every 11-year-old child should leave primary school with the skills to keep themselves safe in the water. Swimming will be timetabled into the curriculum during the Spring term and Year 3 children will be attending Brio Leisure in Northwich for their lessons.

Residential

For the 2026-27 academic year, the following residential have been approved by Governors:

Year 4 – Petty Pool Outdoor Centre – 2 nights (Sandiway) (May 2027)

Year 6 – Robinwood Activity Centres – 2 nights (Maes y Nant – North Wales) (January 2027)

Residential Hoodies – NEW INFORMATION

Following discussions at a Governors meeting, it was decided that only Year 6 will have hoodies for residential trips. Following their residential, the children are then able to wear their hoodies for PE lessons only up to SATs in May (w/c 10th May 2027) Following the completion of SATs, hoodies can then be worn each day.

No other year group will have hoodies.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Uniform

Please see the website for updated uniform information. [Lower Peover C of E \(Aided\) Primary School: School Uniform](#)

PE Kit

Please ensure children are wearing the correct PE kit that is listed on the school website.

Bags

Please ensure in Reception Years 1 & 2 children only bring in a book bag each day. Children attending sport after school clubs should bring a small rucksack with a change of clothes. Unfortunately, space is limited for any larger bags/rucksacks being brought in.

Years 3-6 do have individual lockers; however, they are only big enough for a coat & small rucksack/bag. Any rucksack with after school club clothing in can be stored on top of the lockers if required.

Hair

Hair should be tied up if longer than shoulder length, and any ornaments should be small and blue only.

Shoes

Black shoes only are permitted – **no boots or trainers.**

Jewellery & Make Up

No jewellery or make up should be worn in school. If ears are pierced, children are only permitted to wear small plain stud earrings.

Toys & Swap Cards

Toys & swap cards are not permitted in school

Birthday Cakes & Treats

We do not permit any form of cake into school for children's birthdays. If you wish to bring in a treat for classmates, only small, multi pack Haribo type sweet are allowed. This is to ensure we control all allergies & intolerances for the applicable children.

Medication & First Aid in School

If your child suffers from asthma, please ensure they have an in-date inhaler in school and you have completed an asthma card, that is available from the office.

Please do not send any other medication in with your child, please hand to a member of staff. A completed form giving consent to administer medication is required, prior to staff being able to administer medicine to your child/children. Forms are on the website or via the office.

Staff are trained in first aid and administer any required treatment. For all head bumps we contact parents immediately to advise. A reporting app called First Aid Forms is used to inform parents of any minor accidents and/or medication administration. These notifications are in the form of an email which are scheduled to be sent automatically at 3pm.

We only administer prescribed medication.

Non-Uniform Days

We do have a small number of non-uniform days in school for various reasons. Please can we ask that children come into school on these days in sensible clothing and footwear suitable for school (no cropped tops or heels etc). Shoes must provide full coverage, with no open toe sandals etc worn, to comply with health & safety in school.

Hair should still be tied up, even on non-uniform days, if longer than shoulder length, and no jewellery is permitted. Notification of specific non-uniform days will be detailed in the newsletter.

Book Changing

Book changing takes place on a Monday morning each week, please ensure the children bring books in to be changed.

Pencil Cases

If they wish, children in Years 1-6 inclusive, are allowed to bring in their own pencil case. Please can we request that pencil cases are not too big, as they must be able to fit into the children's classroom drawers.

Only the following items are permitted:

HB pencil
Colouring pencils
Pencil Sharpener
Rubber
Ruler
Pritt Stick

School will provide pencil cases & stationery for those not able to supply their own. Writing pens will only be used by children in Years 5 & 6, so please do not send in any writing pens. Please can we request no novelty items, post it notes or Tipp-Ex (liquid or tape) are included – these are not permitted in school, thank you

Water Bottles

Water bottles should only contain water for consumption during the day. Staff will refill if necessary throughout the day. **Please do not send in any juice or fizzy drinks.**

School Lunch & Snacks

A new catering provider will be in place for September offering school lunches at £3.00 per day. You are able to pre-order via ParentPay (please note – you will be unable to pre-order on the morning itself, it must be in the days leading up to the day required). Pre-ordering aids the morning routines in school, so if you are able to, please do pre-order for your child/children.

More information on menus will be detailed on the school website once they are in place by the new provider.

If you choose to send your child in with a packed lunch – **no hot/warm food is allowed in any food flasks.**

New Reception parents – staff in school will assist your child to select their lunch until your details are loaded into the system.

Following receipt of your ParentPay activation letter, you will be able to pre-order from home. Please select the meal choice via this system even though there is no charge.

The uploading of your information into school systems for lunch ordering and school communications does take some time, so please be patient whilst the office staff complete this task. We are unable to upload information before the children's official first day in school.

If your child has any allergies or intolerances, we do require a medical note confirming details of specific food groups or ingredients to avoid. This information will then be passed onto our catering team who will update the system and remove any menu options containing the allergen ingredients. We are unable to implement this without a medical note.

Current Year 2 parents – moving into Year 3 (Key Stage 2)

- School Meals - please note that from September, your child will no longer be eligible for the Universal Infant Free School Meals. Please pay for any school lunches via the ParentPay service that will be allocated to you when we return in September.
- Lockers – your child will have their own locker in Year 3. Please ensure the children continue to use their bookbags or small rucksacks, so they fit into the lockers along with coats. .

Morning Snack – a reminder for Years 1 – 6 inclusive, snacks on Monday to Thursday should be one small healthy item only with no crisps or chocolate permitted. Friday is ‘treat’ day, where the children can bring an item of choice, however we do ask that this is still a small item.

We endeavour to be a NUT FREE school. We do have children & staff in school with allergies that would require the use of an EpiPen, so please do not include any item for snack or lunch that includes nuts or traces of nuts.

Peripatetic Music Lessons

If your child currently has private music lessons in school, these will continue, should you choose, for the next academic year. Please contact the tutors directly. Full information about this offer can be found on the website.

[Lower Peover C of E \(Aided\) Primary School: Peripatetic Music Lessons](#)

Children are only able to learn one instrument in school to ensure minimal disruption to their day. Only children in Years 1-6 inclusive are permitted to learn a musical instrument.

Year 6 children are only able to have music lessons during their lunch break.

Parent Consultation Evenings – NEW INFORMATION

There will be two full parent consultation evenings per academic year, Autumn & Spring terms. Appointments will be available via School Spider leading up to the sessions. Books are available to view in classrooms, which can be taken home, providing they are returned to school the following morning.

In the summer term you will receive an end of year report, and statutory test results (if applicable) and we will hold an optional third parent consultation evening in July, following release of the reports. This session is an opportunity to discuss the report, if you require any further clarification or have any concerns. It is not a parents evening for a general update, and books will not be available to view in the classrooms. A survey will be sent for you to request an appointment and then slots allocated accordingly.

Following a review of our safeguarding procedures and feedback from SCG (Sports Coaching Group), please be advised that Wraparound Care and all indoor afterschool clubs will NOT run on parent consultation evenings. Sport After School clubs will run as normal until 4.30pm.

Communication

All email or smartphone communication to parents is via School Spider (website & communication system). You will also receive parent surveys via this platform and be able to book appointments for parent consultation evenings. Please download the app and activate notifications so you receive all information from us. The school calendar for trips, events etc can also be found on the website.

Safeguarding Team

We have a dedicated safeguarding team that consists of:

Mrs Dean: Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Mr Bradley & Mrs Tinker: Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL)

For any safeguarding concerns or support required, please contact any of the above via email or via the main office admin email address. We also have a dedicated safeguarding email address to ensure confidentiality if you prefer: safeguarding@lowerpeover.cheshire.sch.uk

Staff Communication

The main school email address is admin@lowerpeover.cheshire.sch.uk for any logistic issues, absences, early, late or changes to collection, medical appointments, medications, and general correspondence – **please do not send this information to the class teacher.**

Please only email teachers for educational purposes. Not all teachers access their emails throughout the day, so may only be able to respond at the end of each day. Staff may not respond to emails after 5.30pm so will reply to you the following day.

Please may I request you copy the School's Senior Leadership Team (SLT) into any teacher emails you send, so we are aware of any potential issues and ensure they are dealt with swiftly.

To confirm, the Senior Leadership Team is myself, Mr Bradley & Mrs Tinker. The email for SLT is seniorleadershipteam@lowerpeover.cheshire.sch.uk

Main Office Hours

The main office is manned between 8am – 4pm

Should you wish to contact me directly on any other matter, you can reach me on head@lowerpeover.cheshire.sch.uk or on 01625 467623

Best wishes

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