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## Introduction

Dear Colleagues,

In North Somerset we have been having a conversation between the various trusts and the Local Authority about how we get transition right between primary and secondary phases. In our discussions we reviewed what our schools were doing - there is a core programme for all pupils including an intake evening and an induction day with a great many enhancements for pupils with SEND or other additional needs. The offer looks strong.

North Somerset has done some survey and focus group work with Year 6 and Year 7 pupils. The story told is rather reassuring. Most pupils do not experience high anxiety about transition but feel excited and anticipate good changes. Where there are anxieties, these focus on reassuringly time-honoured topics such as homework and getting lost. For Year 7s, these issues did not feature.

The reason that transition continues to be a priority is that for a minority of pupils things go wrong in KS3; we see this in our schools too. Suspensions spike, there are PEXs for pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 and attendance declines after Year 7. Interestingly, this is the case in middle schools too, so the issue is not purely transition of itself.

We will be revisiting the issue of transition in Year 3 of our Strategic Plan. We will spell out what being secondary-ready means for pupils across LSP and how Key Stage 3 can catch pupils already thriving and progressing fast to keep up that pace and excitement.

I'd like to finish with a thanks to my colleagues who have been leading and supporting Blagdon Primary while its Head of School has been unwell. Janine Ashman has almost moved in and has been providing great continuity, Victoria Reyes has continued to be amazing as Executive Head, Jenny Campbell (former Blagdon Headteacher) has been generously involved and Matt Welsh (Deputy Head at High Down Schools) has given several days each week. We met with governors last night and I know that they and the staff at Blagdon really appreciate this support.

With best wishes,

*Gary Lewis, Chief Executive*



## Admissions Delegated Services for North Somerset Schools

As in previous years the Central Team will be completing the Admissions Delegated Services Form centrally for all LSP North Somerset schools - so you do not need to fill this in yourselves at school level.

We are planning to submit the following for 2026-27 (no change from this academic year):

- Primaries: All services (bulk admissions, in year admissions, admission arrangements and appeals) are delegated to NSC for 2025-26/2026-27
- Secondaries: All services (bulk admissions, admission arrangements and appeals) EXCEPT in-year admissions allocations to be delegated to NSC for 2025-26/2026-27

If you have any questions, or the above is not suitable for your school, please [contact me as soon as possible](#) and by the Wednesday 3 June at the latest.

*Eleanor Capel-Davies, Head of Administration*

## Save the Date: North Somerset SENCo Conference

The date for the North Somerset Educational Psychology Service SENCo conference has been changed to Tuesday 14 July 2026. Please save the date in your diary if you wish to attend.

All further information, including sign up details, will be circulated by NSC in due course.

## Reminder: HR Policy Consultations

A reminder that the following HR policies are being consulted on:

- Long Service and Retirement Award
- Requesting Time to Train Policy

The policies can be [viewed on Foldr](#): *Foldr / LSP Communications / Consultations / HR Policies May 2026*

Please email any comments you have about these policies to [enquiries@lsp.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@lsp.org.uk) by 9.00am on Friday 22 May 2026.



## Invitation: LSP Business Breakfast

[Click here](#) to sign up to attend by 10.00am on Friday 12 June 2026.

**You're invited to**

**Lighthouse Business Partners**

# Business Breakfast



**Tuesday 23 June 2026**

**7.30-9.00am**

**Backwell School (BS48 3BX)**

**Focus: AI**

**Guest Speaker: John Turner MCIM CMKtr PGDipAI**  
**Artificial Intelligence Leadership Consultant**

**“AI and the Future of Work: What Organisations and  
Schools Should Actually Be Preparing For”**

**Free event with complimentary breakfast**  
**Free parking available on site**



## LSP Summer Newsletter: The Beacon



The next LSP Newsletter (The Beacon) will be published at the end of Term 6. The theme of this issue will be Governance and Staff Rewards. We would love to include any positive and celebratory news stories (this could be school, staff, or pupil celebrations) from across the Trust.

If you have any news stories or photos from your school that you would like us to include, could you [please email them to me](#) by Friday 3 July.

We will also create a parents version of the newsletter focused on *news, milestones and celebrations* across the trust, which is to be distributed to all parents.

Leah Evans, Communications Officer





## Unauthorised Direct Debits

We would like to remind all schools that the completion of Direct Debit Mandates must only be managed by the Central Finance Team and approved by an authorised bank signatory.

Please exercise caution when entering into new service or contract agreements that involve payment by Direct Debit. We have recently encountered instances where organisations have used automated processes to obtain company bank details without appropriate oversight.

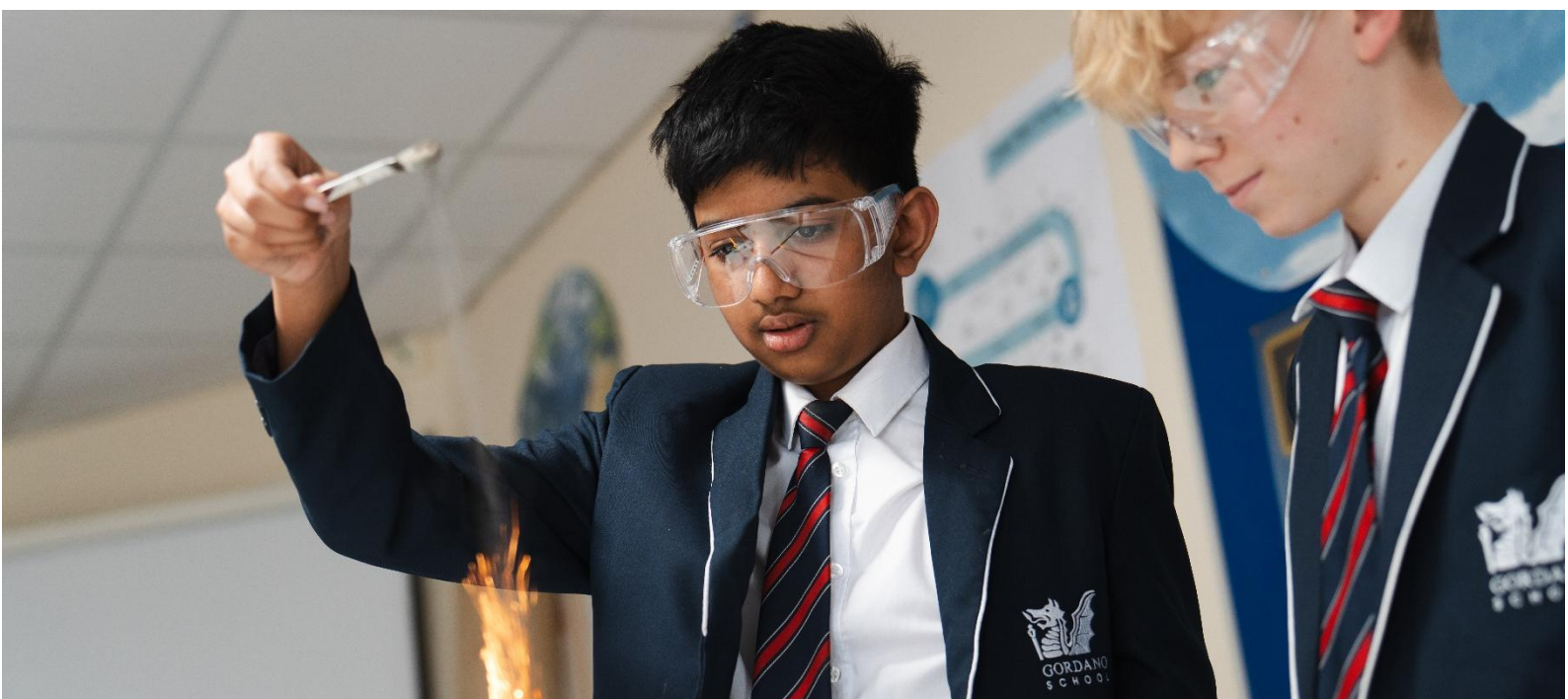
These Direct Debits are often set up via AUDDIS Originators.

AUDDIS (Automated Direct Debit Instruction Service) enables organisations to establish Direct Debits electronically, rather than submitting paper instructions to the bank. Under this system, Direct Debit instructions are:

- Submitted electronically through the BACs system
- Automatically registered on the customer's account
- Processed without the need for paper mandates

While we are protected under the Direct Debit Indemnity Scheme, such situations can disrupt our cash management processes. We therefore ask that you contact LSP Finance for guidance if you are considering or approached with any Direct Debit arrangements.

If you require further support, please [contact the Central Finance Team](#).





## NFER Discount code

We're pleased to confirm that National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) have agreed to continue our 15% discount for their NFER test products for the 2026/27 academic year. Schools can use the 15% discount code LIGHTHOUSE15.

Please see screenshot below showing where to apply the code on our website (NFER Resources Shop | NFER) at the Basket/Checkout stage. Add your school opening dates in the Delivery Notes section to help ensure delivery is well-timed.

The discount code is valid until midnight on 30th June 2027, and can be used up to four times per school. Applies to all NFER Assessments, excluding delivery fees and NFER Online Assessment subscriptions.

# My Basket

If you need to speak to us about your order, please contact our Helpline for Schools on +44 (0)1753 637007 or email [products@nfer.ac.uk](mailto:products@nfer.ac.uk).

Product	Quantity	Price	
Year 1 Spring Maths paper 1 pupil booklet pack	1	£8.50	
Year 1 Spring Maths paper 2 pupil booklet pack	1	£8.50	
Year 1 Spring Maths Teacher guide	1	£10.00	
Year 1 Spring Reading Teacher guide	1	£10.00	

<b>Total</b>	<b>£37.00</b>
<b>VAT</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Total (including VAT)</b>	<b>£37.00</b>

School to enter their discount code here at the basket stage

Apply
Checkout



## Reminder for Clerks: Sensitivities Around Minutes

Over recent months, the culture in schools nationally has become increasingly politicised, and this has brought a renewed focus on how governance information is accessed and used. With this in mind, we want to remind Clerks of the importance of handling Local Governing Body minutes with care.

While minutes are public documents, less is more. Clerks should continue to ensure that minutes record decisions, actions, and key points of assurance, rather than detailed debate or sensitive operational discussion.

If you are ever unsure whether an item should be treated as confidential, please ask the Headteacher or Chair. Where confidentiality is appropriate, the Chair should review the wording before the minutes are released.

This approach protects the integrity of governance, supports transparency, and ensures that sensitive matters—particularly during periods of change management—are handled responsibly.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please [get in touch](#).

## Reminder: LSP Governance Conference 2026

All Chairs, Clerks, Governors and Trustees are invited to the LSP Governance Conference.

Speakers include Gary Lewis and Lucy Livings, and the main topic will be the refocussing of LGB responsibilities within LSP.

Please [ensure you have completed this form](#), to confirm your attendance, by 10.00am on **Thursday 4 June 2026**.

Headteachers are also invited from 5.30-6.45pm to network and hear some key messages from Gary Lewis and Lucy Livings, including saying thank you to Adele Haysom. You are welcome to stay for the main conference section (6.45-8.00pm) as well if you wish to hear about the refocussing of LGBs. The RSVP form for [Headteachers is here](#).

If you have any questions about this event please email [enquiries@lsp.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@lsp.org.uk)



## New Governor Training - Updated Approach

We are trialling a new system for governor induction and ongoing support. As governors join at different points throughout the year, the key introductory information will now be available through an online recording and induction booklet that you can watch and read at a time that suits you. Clerks are able to provide the links to these.

To support this, I will also be running three informal drop-in sessions across the year. These are open to all new governors—and any existing governors who would like to join—providing an opportunity to ask questions and helping us identify where further support or CPD would be most beneficial. This will enable a more tailored and bespoke development offer.

The first drop-in sessions will take place on:

**Monday 2 June: 7:00pm - 8:00pm (online)**

**Meeting Link: [Click here to join](#)**

**Tuesday 3 June: 10:30am -11:30pm (online)**

**Meeting Link: [Click here to join](#)**

If you do have any questions ahead of the meeting that you would like to discuss, [please get in touch](#).





## Upcoming Lighthouse Learning Sessions and CPD Networks

The full programme of Lighthouse Learning CPD on offer for 2025-26 can be found on the [LSP website](#).

DATE	EVENT	AUDIENCE
Term 6		
Monday 8 June 1.00-3.00pm	<b>Early Years Network</b> In Person @ English Hub, St Peter's Primary	Early Year Leads
Monday 8 June 3.30-4.45pm	<b>Primary Assessment Network</b> Online via MS Teams	Primary Assessment Leads
Monday 8 June 3.30-4.45pm	<b>Trust-wide DSL Network</b> Online via MS Teams	DSLs
Monday 15 June 8.30-11.30am	<b>Primary English Network</b> In Person @ English Hub, St Peter's Primary	Primary English Leads
Monday 15 June 1.00-4.00pm	<b>Church Schools Network</b> In Person @ English Hub, St Peter's Primary	Church School Leaders
Wednesday 17 June 3.30-5.00pm	<b>An Introduction to Maximising the Impact of Learning Partners with Sally Franklin</b> Online Webinar via MS Teams	All teachers & SLT in schools moving to Learning Partners in September 2026
Thursday 18 June	<b>LSP Governance Conference</b> In person at Backwell School	Chairs, Governors, Trustees and Clerks
Monday 22 June 3.30-4.30pm	<b>Primary Priority Pupils Network</b> Online via MS Teams	Primary Priority Pupil Leads
Monday 24 June 3.30-5.00pm	<b>Practical Strategies for Maximising the impact of Learning Partners with Suzy Divine</b> Online Webinar via MS Teams	All teachers & SLT in schools moving to Learning Partners in September 2026

The rest of the Term 6 events will follow in due course.



## Open ULS Training - Wednesday 3 June 2026

This Unlocking Letter and Sounds (ULS) training session is aimed at new members of staff. [Click here to book.](#)



In-person  
FREE

## Open ULS Training for LSP Schools

Lighthouse Learning is funding a face to face training session for new members of staff who join LSP Schools. There are limited places available and schools will be charged £50 for non-attendance. Confirmation and joining details will be sent a week before the CPD.

**8.30am-3pm**  
**English Hub Building, St Peter's**  
**School, Portishead, BS20 6BT**

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026

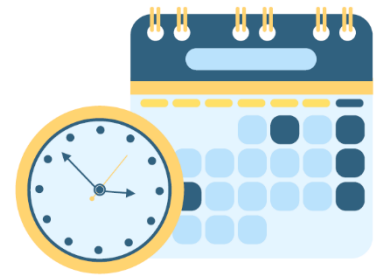
[Book here](#)



# KEY LINKS, DATES & DEADLINES



These reminders do not replace the LSP Annual Planner so please ensure you are checking this regularly (link on next page).



DATE	INFORMATION	FAO
Thursday 21 May	Summer Census Date	Headteachers & SBMs/OMs
9.00am on Friday 22 May	Deadline to provide any comments and feedback on Requesting Time to Train and Long Service and retirement Award Policies.	All
18 - 22 May	Primary Moderation @ St Peters	Primary Headteachers



# KEY LINKS, DATES & DEADLINES



Please note the following links will only work for those who already have access to the relevant site or folder. If you feel you need to be given permission to access something please [let us know](#).



## Annual Planner 2025/26

Click to view the Annual Planner for next academic year (Via Sharepoint)

## Bulletin Index

Click to access an index of previous bulletin articles



## Previous Bulletins

Click to access previous editions of the LSP Weekly News Bulletin



## The Beacon

Click to read the latest edition of the LSP Newsletter: The Beacon



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Email your stories to: [newsletter@lsp.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@lsp.org.uk)



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