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Introduction

Dear Colleagues,

First of all, thank you for the leadership that you have given in your schools this week as exceptional temperatures have affected our provision. I am particularly thinking of those of you (Will, Catrin and Lorraine amongst them) who have had to take contentious decisions about cancelling trips and events. Personally, I found Monday very difficult.

Dealing with an extreme weather event such as a Red Heat Alert was terribly complicated, partly because we hadn't an emergency plan in place ready to implement for this scenario. With hindsight that is a significant omission. We will now need to develop such a plan which will include ensuring that every school has some air-conditioned spaces, prioritising pupils who would access school during a general closure and setting out some clear criteria for reducing provision so that we were not having to make complex contextual decisions with no real framework. There will be numerous other angles to consider I am sure. I will start the review on this week's experience immediately and involve all of you as we develop better planning for next time - and we know that there will be many more next times. Please [drop me a line](#) if you have any direct reflection on how the decision making this week affected you.

Much more positively, congratulations to all of our colleagues in Early Years. We have seen wonderful Phonics outcomes (more details below) and impressive Multiplication Tables Check results. The improvements for disadvantaged pupils are thrilling and I can almost hear the cheering from our Trustees and Governors! It is also so good to see the impact of the hard work by leaders, and implementation of changes to the curriculum and pedagogy, in strong and rising outcomes. This is the unbreakable law of school improvement: Leadership + Curriculum + Pedagogy + Time = Success.

With best wishes as ever,

Gary Lewis, Chief Executive



Year 1 Phonics Screening Results across LSP

As a Trust we have set ourselves the target of 90% of our pupils being secure readers at each stage of their development in the primary phase. This year the phonics target for 'all pupils' was 89%.

We are really pleased to say that we were within 1% of this this year - 88% of pupils across the Trust passed the PSC in Y1.

Further the Trust target of 62% of disadvantaged pupils passing this year has been far surpassed with 75% of pupils in this group passing this year which is also a 15% rise from last year.

Well done everyone on your hard work in supporting pupils to achieve more. Below is an overview of how each LSP school has performed this year - [you can view the full table here](#).

School	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026 ▼	Cohort	Percentile rank
Ubley Church of England Primary School	90%	100%	89%	100%	7	98th
Stanton Drew Primary School	80%	86%	75%	100%	10	98th
St Mary's CE Primary School, Portbury	73%	93%	100%	100%	9	98th
Burrington Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School	83%	100%	86%	100%	14	98th
Flax Bourton Primary School	93%	97%	85%	97%	30	94th
Golden Valley Primary School	92%	86%	92%	96%	54	93rd
Bishop Sutton Primary School	71%	93%	76%	95%	21	92nd
Portishead Primary School	73%	93%	91%	94%	52	90th
St Peter's Church of England Primary School, Portishead	93%	94%	93%	94%	85	90th
Hannah More Infant School	86%	85%	88%	93%	59	87th
Winford Church of England Primary School	80%	72%	84%	92%	24	82nd
Wrington Church of England Primary School	96%	90%	90%	91%	22	80th
East Harptree Church of England VC Primary School	88%	79%	100%	91%	11	80th
Northleaze Church of England Primary School	93%	96%	89%	89%	18	72nd
High Down Infant School	86%	90%	92%	88%	60	71st
St Andrew's Primary School	74%	82%	92%	88%	24	68th
Easton Church of England Academy		54%	66%	87%	45	65th
Blagdon Primary School	85%	89%	91%	86%	7	61st
Yatton Voluntary Controlled Infant School	67%	93%	82%	85%	54	58th
West Leigh Infant School	80%	87%	95%	84%	51	55th
St Mary Redcliffe Church of England Primary School	85%	67%	54%	84%	43	53rd
Whitchurch Primary School	82%	89%	86%	83%	42	51st
Churchill Church of England Primary School	75%	81%	89%	80%	30	38th
Horfield Church of England Primary School	68%	76%	80%	72%	32	17th
Fishponds Church of England Academy	75%	67%	80%	67%	43	11th
Wraxall Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School	82%	86%	83%			0th
Grove Junior School						0th
Lighthouse Schools Partnership	84%	85%	85%	88%	847	
National	79%	80%	80%	82%		



Upcoming Primary Headteachers' Meeting

The next LSP Primary Headteachers' Meeting is taking place on Thursday 2 July 8.30-11.30am, in the English Hub Building at St Peters' Primary School (BS20 6BT).

Please park in the car park off the High Street/by Mathisons, and not in the main school car park/on surrounding residential roads.

[Click here to view the agenda.](#)

Thank You Message from Adele Haysom

At the Governance Conference last week we took the opportunity to give a small token of our appreciation to Adele Haysom as she steps down as Chair of the Trust Board.

Adele has asked to pass on the following message to you all:

“Thank you for the beautiful card and the exceptionally generous gift given in recognition of my eight years as Chair of the trust board. I am deeply moved by your kind words and personal messages. The card is something I will treasure for years to come.”

Thank You: LSP Business Breakfast

Thank you to Backwell School for hosting the LSP Business Breakfast on Tuesday 23 June. With over 100 individuals in attendance, it was a great opportunity to network with stakeholders in our school communities as well as hear from some key speakers on the future of AI.

Thank you also to all those from LSP who came to support the event, and to Aspens for the great catering, particularly in the heat.

A full news write up of the event is [available to read on the LSP website](#).





Reminder: LSP CPD Network Registrations for 2026-27

A reminder to complete this [online form](#) with the names and email addresses of your staff (often subject leads) who will be attending the LSP network sessions next academic year.

Please can you complete the form by 10.00am Friday 3 July 2026.

The form also asks for a name and email address of someone we can contact with any queries and a few other CPD key contacts/information.

These details will allow us to directly share network information with the relevant attendees in due course.

Reminder - Articles for The Beacon

A reminder that the next LSP Newsletter (The Beacon) will be published at the end of Term 6. 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 be also be creating a version of this newsletter to be distributed to all parents so it would be fantastic to have a range of stories from our schools - a great opportunity for you to celebrate what you are proud of this academic year with our parent community.

Leah Evans, Communications Officer





Revaluation of Teachers' Pension Scheme from April 2027

You may have seen articles [in the press](#) about a significant reduction that is anticipated in employer contributions to the Teachers' Pension Scheme from April 2027. No final details have yet been published and, whilst this could reduce our costs, we anticipate that the funding for education will be reduced accordingly. Additional grants have been provided to cover increases in employer contributions in the past and these have now been subsumed into our GAG funding. As a result of this, we are not suggesting making any changes to our budget planning at this stage. More information will follow in due course.

UIFSM per meal increase

The DfE have confirmed an increase to the meal rate for Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) for the 2026-27 academic year. The rate will be increased from £2.61 to £2.66 per pupil per meal. IMP has been updated to reflect this increase in funding in both the Master Scenario and Approved Budget 26/27 V3 so that the new rate will be reflected in your final budgets as well as your working budgets.





LSP Support Fund

We have [produced a flow chart](#) to explain the process and timescales associated with Category 1 & 2 applications (short term additional costs and supporting schools to set an in-year balanced budget) from the LSP Support Fund. Information on Category 3 applications (innovation, collaboration and good practice sharing) will follow in due course.

No specific actions are required to make a Category 1 or 2 application but we will contact you if we require any further information and will keep you informed of the progress.

The assessment panel sessions have been scheduled for Monday 14 September and Monday 19 October from 2.00-4.00pm. The panel will be made up of:

- **Central Team** - Two representatives from the Education Team (including at least one from the relevant school phase)
- **Central Team** - Chief Financial and Operating Officer (or their representative)
- **School** - Two school leaders (including at least one from the relevant school phase)

We are therefore looking for a school leader from a primary and a secondary school to form part of the panel. You will need to be available on both of these dates but can attend online.

We also need reserve panel members to avoid a conflict of interest should the school of a panel member be applying to the fund. If you would be willing to be a panel member please [contact Louise Malik](#).

If you have any questions about the operation of the support fund, [please get in touch](#).

Louise Malik, Chief Financial and Operating Officer



Neo People Guidance for Staff Changes

Staff changes: starters, leavers, amendments

In order to prepare for the new academic year Neo People have asked us to remind School Business Managers/HR leads, and Central HR (for SLA schools only) of the following:

- For new starters: if you already have their full details you can add their details at any time ahead of their start date and the system will only start processing them on the payroll from their start date.
- Start date changes are not straightforward: you need to raise a iTrent ticket (prior to completing your checklist), as well as updating this on the checklist.
- Any changes to hours, positions, grade/payscale that are already agreed for September can be processed prior to the effective month by ensuring you input the correct effective date into the system when completing these changes.
- Leavers for 31st August - please only make employees leavers who are actually leaving at the end of the school year. Do not process employees whose contracts have ended but who are likely to receive renewed contracts for the new school year. This will avoid the additional work of you having to process them all as new starters in September. If you have already processed some employees of this nature and wish to remove the end date, then please send an iTrent ticket with full details of the employees affected.
- For employees moving from one LSP school to another, please [inform the Central HR Team](#), as the employee should not be made a leaver, but instead will require a MAT transfer which only the Central HR team can set up on behalf of the school.



DfE Guidance - Supporting Children and Young People with Medical Conditions and Allergies

Further to our [previous article](#) regarding the DfE consultation and discussion at Operational Team Meetings, we can confirm that the final guidance has not yet been released from the DfE. It is still in the feedback analysis stage. As soon as guidance has been issued, the Central Team will review and identify any actions required. As part of the guidance schools will be required to have an Allergen Safety Policy. Trust Services will write this policy, which can then be adapted to reflect any school specific processes (e.g use of any medical tracker) and adopted by schools. Any associated actions for Aspens will also be picked up centrally.

Training expectations will be considered through the above review but if schools have any concerns in the meantime, they can refer staff to the 30-minute Allergy Awareness course on iAM Compliant (in the Food Safety Collection).

We have received queries from schools regarding purchasing of Medical Tracker and how this can support the new guidance. In the Autumn we are expecting iAM Compliant to launch their own medical tracker, which will connect with Bromcom via Wonde. The iAM module itself will be free but there may be a minimal cost associated with Wonde. Bromcom also offer the opportunity (free of charge) to record and track medical events. [How to use the Medical Dashboard - Bromcom - Documentation Centre](#).

Any schools considering a paid subscription to Medical Tracker or anything similar may wish to wait until the information from iAM is shared (assuming that whatever manual system you use now does not pose a risk.) Any schools that already subscribe to software such as this should consider only renewing for 1 year so that they can consider iAM's new module when it is launched. If a school has an effective manual system in place, there is no need to purchase additional software. You should just review your current system in line with the guidance, when released, to ensure it covers all requirements.

The below link will take you to the **draft version** of the policy guidance that was released for consultation. This indicates what the DfE expect to publish, however, **please note it is not finalised and changes should be expected**. [Supporting children and young people with medical conditions and allergy](#)

We will update schools when we have further information.

Trust Services Team



Governance Conference: Thank you

Thank you all for joining the Governance Conference last week (Thursday 18 June). Your engagement, insights, and thoughtful contributions made the session genuinely valuable. I appreciate the time you took to participate and the perspectives you brought to the discussion.

The slides will be shared with you shortly, once a few adjustments have been made based on the conversations we had last week.

Thanks again for being part of it and helping make the event a success.

Sarah Cran, Lead on Governance

Reminder: Submission of minutes and LGB updates to the Central Team

At their meeting in July, Trustees will be ratifying changes to LGBs and reviewing RAG rating comments/feedback. Please can you ensure that, by **9.00am on Friday 3 July**:

- You have sent your latest minutes, including the RAG rating comment box to lgbreturns@lsp.org.uk
- You have [updated this form](#) with any leavers, new starters or reappointments to your LGB. A reminder that Trustees can make re-appointments in advance (for example reappoint in July for a term of office which will expire in October 2026).

Thank you to all those who have already submitted their board minutes. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email [Sarah Cran, Lead on Governance](#).



Upcoming Lighthouse Learning Sessions and CPD Networks

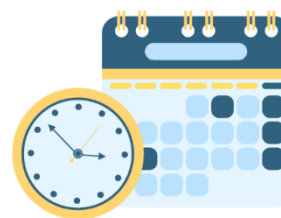
The full programme of Lighthouse Learning CPD on offer for 2025-26 can be found on the [LSP website](#).

DATE	EVENT	AUDIENCE
Term 6		
Wednesday 24 June 3.30-5.00pm	Practical Strategies for Maximising the impact of Learning Partners with Suzy Divine Online Webinar via MS Teams	All teachers & SLT in schools moving to Learning Partners in September 2026
Wednesday 24 June 3.30-4.30pm	Secondary Priority Pupils Network Online via MS Teams	Primary Priority Pupil Leads
Wednesday 24 June 3.30-5.00pm	Secondary Maths and MFL Networks Online (link to be circulated by Natalie Wilcox)	Secondary Maths and MFL Leads
Thursday 26 June 3.30-5.00pm	Secondary English Network Online (link to be circulated by Natalie Wilcox)	Secondary English Leads
Monday 29 June 1.00-4.00pm	SEND Network (all phases) Online via MS Teams	SENDCos (Primary and Secondary)
The rest of the Term 6 events will follow in due course.		

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).



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Thursday 2 July 8.30-11.30am	Primary Headteacher's Meeting	Primary Headteachers
Friday 3 July	Deadline to submit LGB minutes and changes to the Central Team	Clerks
Thursday 9 July (all day)	Operations Away Day @ Leigh Court	SBMs/OMs
Friday 10 July	Last day for submitting orders for goods and services for the current financial year	All

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Annual Planner 2025/26

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