

Lever House Newsletter

Updating you with our school news

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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back!

A very warm welcome back to all of our Lever House families! I hope you have had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed plenty of time together.

It is particularly lovely for me to be back at Lever House this September after spending the summer term on secondment at Eccleston Primary. Whilst I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Eccleston and was grateful for the opportunity to work alongside their wonderful staff and pupils, it really is lovely to be back home at Lever House! It has been fantastic to return, see familiar faces and welcome our children back through the doors.

A very special welcome goes to all of the new families who are joining our Lever House community for the first time. We are delighted to have you with us and hope that you and your children quickly feel part of our school family. Starting somewhere new can feel exciting and a little daunting, but you are now very much part of the Lever House community, and we look forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming weeks and months.

There is always something special about the start of a new school year. New beginnings, new opportunities, new friendships and lots of exciting learning lie ahead. Our school already feels full of energy and enthusiasm, and I am looking forward to seeing all of our children grow, learn and flourish throughout the year.

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LEARNING

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FUN!



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Please can we remind all parents/carers that we are a **nut free school.**

As always, we will continue to live by our Lever House values. We are **Safe, Positive, Ambitious, Respectful and Kind** — and I know that together, as a school community, we will make this another fantastic year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I am incredibly proud to be back at Lever House and excited about everything the year ahead will bring.

Parent/Teacher Communication

Please have a look at your child's class page for key information at leverhouse.net

We understand that there will be times you will need to get messages to your child's class teacher and we fully encourage an 'open door' approach as communication is key. **However, can we please ask that you do not try to speak to teachers at the start or end of the school day on the door as these are very busy times and staff need to have their full attention on the children, ensuring they enter/exit school safely.**

The best way to get a message to a class teacher is via email or by phone. If something is urgent, please telephone our office. Our school office staff will be happy to pass a message on, arrange a call back or can find a suitable time for a meeting if required.

If emailing, please leave a brief description of what you would like to discuss. It could take up to 48 hours for a response. Please find attached to this email, our staff list with email addresses. If you would prefer a face to face meeting, please just let us know and we will find a mutually convenient time to meet.



We are looking forward to bringing back our Class Blog pages this half term. Here you will find out what your child's class have been up to, and can leave a comment on their learning. We'll let you know as soon as they are up and running!!



Pupil Individual Photos

All pupils will have their individual school photo taken on **Friday 18th September 2026**. **Please send all pupils in full school uniform, not PE kits.** *Please be reassured that any pupils swimming on this day, will have their photo taken before their swim session.*

We are a Nut Free School

Like most schools, Lever House is a nut free school. We have several staff members and pupils who are allergic to nuts and could have a serious reaction if they came into contact with them.



Please remember not to send any nut products to school, including Nutella and Kinder Bueno.



If these are sent to school by mistake, pupils will be asked to take them home. They should not be eaten in school. We talk to all the children about the items they should not have and they become really independent in monitoring what they have in school.

School Uniform

All of our pupils looked super smart as they arrived at school. All of our logo'd school uniform can be purchased at Impressions in Leyland, however, the white polo shirts and red jumpers/cardigans without logos look just as smart and can be purchased from any high street/supermarket.

Please be reminded:

- ALL uniform **MUST** be labelled. We still have uniform from last year which we haven't been able to return to the rightful owner due to them being unnamed. **Please ensure you name all items, including water bottles.**
- **Water Bottles** - All children must have a water bottle. **Please ensure this has a sports top or closable straw to avoid spills.** All children have access to cold, drinking water fountains where they can refill when required. They will be kept in classes (but not on work tables) for children to access throughout the day. Please do not send juice, unless it is for lunch time. Please put your child's name on their bottle.
- **Book Bags** - All children must have a Lever House school book bag from EYFS through to Y6. **Rucksacks are not permitted** as we simply don't have the space for them. Children should only be bringing with them each day: school reading book and record, water bottle, home-learning books (on allocated days) and a snack or their packed lunch.



Hair Styles and Jewellery

- Hair that is long enough to be tied back, should be at all times. Red hair accessories are preferable. Hair accessories should be functional and sensible in size. Large bows on clips, bobbles or headbands are not permitted for school.
- There should be no 'extreme' hair styles for school. This includes the use of hair dye; shaved heads, tram-lines and patterns.
- Jewellery is not part of our school uniform. If your child wishes to wear earrings to school then they must be small, plain studs and **must be removed on their PE and swimming days**. Watches may be worn but smart watches are not permitted. Other items of jewellery should not be worn at school.

PE/Forest School Kit....

Children from Y1 to Y6 come to school in their PE kits on their allocated days (please see below).

Children should wear plain sports clothes only:

- red t-shirt (with or without logo)
- plain red hoodie (with or without logo),
- plain black bottoms only (shorts that are at least mid-thigh length (no hot-pants!), leggings or black joggers)
- plain trainers (please do not wear expensive footwear to school) - no boots



Children in Ash and Beech will bring their PE kit into school, in a PE drawstring bag, and will leave it for the half term.

Children in EYFS, Cedar, Elm and Horse Chestnut will all need a forest school kit in school. This should include waterproofs and wellies



PE Days reminder for Autumn 1:

Monday: Cedar, Elm, Pine, Silver Birch, Sycamore

Tuesday: Horse Chestnut, Oak, Rowan

Wednesday: Ash, Beech, Maple

Thursday: Cedar, Horse Chestnut, Maple, Oak, Rowan

Friday: Elm, Pine, Silver Birch, Sycamore

Office Reminders

Medical Information and contacts

Please ensure you keep our school office up to date with any changes to your child's contact details and medical information. Your child's safety at school is our priority. Please call the school office with any changes.

Office Email

We are still having issues with the school email and are currently only able to send to the first contact on our mailing list. Please ensure you share this information with other contacts as a short term measure while we resolve the issue.

Parent Pay

Can all parents please ensure that they keep their ParentPay accounts up to date throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office with any queries.

Pupil Premium Eligibility (Free School Meals)

Expanding free school meals eligibility

From September 2026 **all households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of household income**, will qualify for free school meals.

Who should apply:

If you receive Universal Credit and your child is not getting free school meals, apply by filling in our online form. If you have already applied for free school meals and your child has been confirmed as eligible, you do not need to apply again.

More people are now eligible for free school meals. This eligibility comes with additional funding for schools to spend to support your child's education, including subsidising trips and visits, paying for extra curricular activities, support programmes for school amongst other things. If you may be eligible, we strongly urge you to apply as soon as possible to ensure you are identified and receive the appropriate remissions in school.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/>

School Lunches (for those not eligible for FSM)

Due to rising food costs our school dinners are now priced at **£3.10 per day**.

This is effective from the start of September 2026. *All children in Ash, Beech, Cedar, Elm and Horse Chestnut are entitled to a school universal free school lunch.*

Fundraising made Easy!

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online! Over 7,000 brands will donate, so you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. These donations really help us out, so please sign up if you haven't yet. **It's easy and FREE!**



You can get started at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-lever-house-primary-school/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-n2