



Linden Lodge School
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LLS News

14/09/2026



Dear families

Welcome back to the Autumn Term. We hope that you had a lovely Summer.

Please read on below for some important information about recent changes to our attendance arrangements and an update regarding our defibrillators.

On Friday 18th Sept, you will receive a copy of your child/young person's class timetable.

New families are invited to attend an induction session on 1st October. More information will be shared directly with new families.

Events and dates to remember

Autumn Term Dates



New families induction session
Thursday 1st October
10am-12pm

Inset Day 3
Friday 23 October
2026

Half term
Monday 26 October
2026 to Friday 30
October 2026

Last day for students (students finish at 1.30pm)
Thursday 17
December 2026

Planning & Preparation Day 1
Friday 18 December
2026

Please remember that
Linden Lodge is a
nut free school



Attendance Changes – Important Information for Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to remind you of the recent changes to our school attendance arrangements.

The morning register closes at 10.20am on Monday and 9.20am on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Any students arriving after the register has closed will be recorded as late after registration, unless there is an authorised reason for their late arrival.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time and is ready to start learning at the beginning of the school day. Regular punctuality is important and helps our students make the most of their education.

The afternoon register will close 2pm. Pupils arriving after this time will be recorded as absent for that session unless there is an authorised reason. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives on time.

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Defibrillators

We wanted to provide a brief update regarding the defibrillators available at school.

The school has two defibrillators on site, located outside Richley House and outside the SPACe entrance at East House.

We are currently awaiting replacement parts for both machines, which have been delayed due to national supply issues. In the meantime, we have followed professional guidance, from the Resuscitation Council UK, to ensure appropriate arrangements remain in place should a medical emergency occur. The guidance confirmed that we are able to continue to use our equipment. In addition there are several publicly accessible defibrillators located close to the school, including right next door at Albemarle Primary School .

Please be assured that the school continue to have appropriate emergency procedures in place.

If you have any questions, please contact the Co-Heads.



We are proud to announce that we have been chosen to be a Beacon School, as part of the School Food Project. We will be embarking on a journey of school food transformation over the next academic year, empowered by recent updates to the government's School Food Standards to make meals healthier and supported by the School Food Project partners to deliver excellent school food.

What this means? From this September, our school kitchen and staff team will be receiving free, hands-on support from the School Food Project to make our meals healthier, improve our whole-school food culture and keep our school community nourished with the fuel they need to succeed.

Why 'Beacon'? Our goal is to become a Beacon of excellence in school food, from what's being served to our pupils, how we talk about food and embed food education into our daily school life, and improving the whole-school food culture from the food itself to dining settings and pupil engagement. As a Beacon School, we will become a leader in our region and will share our learnings, knowledge and best practices with our wider community of schools.

What is the School Food Project? The School Food Project is a fully funded, whole-school programme delivered by five leading food and education organisations to help schools set the standard for outstanding food: Bite Back, Chefs in Schools, Jamie Oliver Group, School Food Matters, and The Food Foundation. It is a national initiative designed to support schools across England to deliver high quality food and meaningful food education. To learn more about the School Food Project, head to: www.schoolfoodproject.org.uk

School Eyecare Service at Linden Lodge



Dear parents/ carers,

I wrote to you prior to the summer break regarding our upcoming partnership with SeeAbility and the NHS school eyecare service. The NHS will be delivering a free, eye examination on the school premises, which will include the supply, fitting and support with glasses for every student who needs them.

Next steps and what to expect:

- Parent/ carer information will be sent by Linden Lodge to SeeAbility. For further information regarding this, please review the letter sent home in July. For our new students, letter were emailed to parents and carers on the 09.09.2026, please check your emails.
- SeeAbility will make contact with you in due course, regarding booking in a date for your child's eye check.
- Once you have been contacted by SeeAbility, you will be able to ask any further questions regarding the eyecare service.

I have provided some further details below, including a contact link to further information.

Best regards,
David Shaw (Deputy Head)
dshaw@lindenlodge.org.uk

Eye care services

Eye checks are carried out by a trained Eye Care Team, including an optometrist and a dispensing optician. They are specially trained to support students with SEND.

During the eye check

- ▶ Optometrist: checks eye health and whether glasses are needed.
- ▶ Dispensing Optician: measures for glasses, fits them well, and provides free frames, repairs, and support.

Eye checks will take place at Linden Lodge within the vision assessment room, with a staff member supporting the student. Parents/carers are welcome to attend. The team helps the student feel safe and comfortable.

After the eye check

The team will send a clear, easy-to-read report to parents/carers and the school. If needed, the student may be referred for further care, and information may be shared with other professionals to support their needs.

Learn more

For further information, please contact: eye.clinics@seeability.org

Learning @ Linden Lodge - Early Years

It was great to welcome back the Early Years Classes and hear all their news from the summer and the skills that they have developed.

The first week back has been busy and it has been lovely to see how well both classes have settled back into routines and are enjoying being with old and new friends as well as engaging in their learning. We are very proud of them all and excited about the new term ahead.

We look forward to explore our topic of "Adventure" through the exciting journey of the Naughty Bus and the much-loved story of We Are Going On a Bear Hunt.

As well as settling back into routines the classes have been enjoying new resources developing imagination, communication and creativity within open ended play and a multi-sensory approach.



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Young People's Wellbeing Youth Club

at Lady Allen
Adventure Playground

A youth club for young people with special needs and disabilities, aged 15 – 20, suited to a 1:4 support ratio.

The club is a safe space for young people to make friends, learn life skills and take part in activities that support their mental health and well-being.

Fridays during term-time.
3:45pm – 7:15pm

Address:
KIDS Lady Allen Adventure
Playground, Chivalry Rd,
London SW11 1HT

- Sessions are free and mainly based at Lady Allen Adventure Playground, with occasional trips out
- The sessions are youth led and youth focused, the young people are asked what they would like to do and can make suggestions for future trips and activities
- Activities include: Sports, arts and crafts, cooking and baking, group games, activity packs, puzzles, day trips, etc.

For more information or to find out how to join, please contact **Maisie** :
Maisie.Rennie-Carter@kids.org.uk

[Kids.org.uk](https://www.kids.org.uk)



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📍 Furzedown on Saturdays & Roehampton on Sundays

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Autumn SEND Family Day

A day of activities specially designed for children and young people with different needs and their families and friends. Click on the link below for more information and to book your tickets:

[Autumn SEND Family Day | WWT London](#)