

Pleasant Valley School
Frequently Asked Questions (K-5)

What time can the students arrive in the morning?

Students may arrive as early as 8:55 AM. If they are not in their classrooms by 9:15, they are marked tardy.

Can I drop off my child early and leave them in the cafeteria?

No! The 4th R daycare is a paid daycare and is NOT run by school staff. We do not have staff available to supervise or be responsible for students before 8:55 AM or after school.

Can we pick our student up early?

All Early Dismissal requests must be submitted through the main office.

Parents/guardians are required to call the office at (860-610-0291) or email the office staff at abrown@southwindsorschools.org and estrom@southwindsorschools.org, specifying the time the student will be dismissed and the name of the person who will be picking them up.

The Pick-Up can be no later than 3:30 on regular days and 1:00 on early release days, otherwise the student will follow normal routine (bus or pick up line).

If I pick my child up before 3:50 PM, will that be marked as an early dismissal?

Yes.

Does SW Public Schools have a school childcare program?

No. There is a program on-site called 4th R but it is run through the South Windsor Recreation Department. Contact the SW Rec Dept. (4th R) or local daycare centers for availability.

If I decide during the year not to have our child take the bus home anymore, what do I do?

Fill out the Transportation Information form (in Parent Portal) electronically. Children getting picked up and not taking the bus are dismissed at 3:50.

What do I do if my child will be absent?

Please notify the office if your child will be absent by filling out the Attendance Monitor feature in your Powerschool Parent Portal. If you are unable to access the Parent Portal for any reason, please email both [Mrs. Brown](mailto:Mrs.Brown) and [Mrs. Strom](mailto:Mrs.Strom) to let

them know. Please do this as early in the morning as possible, before the start of the school day.

What do we do when we visit the school?

Please use Entrance A1, in the front of the building, by the flagpole. Always ring the bell first and wait to be buzzed in. Then be sure to stop in the office to sign in. Never go past the office without permission from an office staff member.

Can I pick up my child for a doctor appt. and then bring them back?

Yes, we prefer that children do not miss a full day of school for a doctor's appointment. Just let the office staff know ahead of time that you'll be picking your child up for the appointment.

Can my child go home on a different school bus with another student?

This is possible only in the case of an emergency. The district does not allow children to switch buses for playdates. Please call the office in the event of such an emergency.

Are we able to volunteer at Pleasant Valley?

Yes!

- Class Parent- contact your child's teacher.
- Serve on the PTO (as a volunteer, event coordinator, etc.) -contact PTO president Poorva Bhargava at pto@pvpto.org
- Chaperone a field trip! (If you think you might be interested in this option at some point during the school year, please fill out the [Volunteer Registration form](#) as soon as possible and be sure to select Group 2 and follow the instructions carefully. It can take several weeks for the background check to be completed and results returned to the school.

What do I do if my child takes/needs medication at school?

There is a policy for taking/giving/transporting prescription and/or over the counter medication at school. Please call the school nurse.

When should I keep my child home from school?

If your child has a fever of 100F or above or has vomiting/diarrhea/contagious illness, you must keep them home. You can contact the nurse if you have a question whether your child needs to stay home or not. Your child must be 24 hours fever/diarrhea/vomiting free WITHOUT FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION before they can return to school.

How is the nurse going to reach me in the event of an emergency?

We have all of your contact information on file. It is imperative that it is kept updated. If any phone numbers (home, cell, work) or emergency contact people change, please email both [Mrs. Brown](#) and [Mrs. Strom](#).

Does Pleasant Valley serve breakfast in the morning?

Yes. We serve breakfast between 8:55 AM and 9:15 AM.

What consists of a complete meal when purchasing lunch?

A complete meal is a main dish, as many fruits and vegetables as they want, and a milk.

Ala Carte Items

There are ala carte items (parfaits, muffins, juice, cheese sticks, cookies, chips, pop tarts, rice krispie treats) that can be purchased separately (\$.50- \$1.25)

How do I add money to my child's account?

Click [here](#) to be directed to our Food Services Price & Payment Information page. There you will learn about making payments on-line through EZSchoolPay, a web-site for parents to manage their child's account. Cash is also accepted in any amount at the register or you can send in a check for \$25 or more. Please use the link above for more details.

Can I put a limit on how much my child can spend in the cafeteria each day?

Yes. You can manage what your child can buy and how much they can spend using EZSchoolPay.