

PEARSON PLC
(the "Company")

Notification of Director and PDMRs' Interests

Below are details of purchases (made under the Company's Non-Executive Directors' Share Purchase Plan) of Pearson plc ordinary shares of 25p each and American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) made on the London and New York Stock Exchanges on behalf of the Company's Chairman and Non-Executive Directors on 15 December 2017:

Name of Director	No. of Shares Purchased	Price per Share	Total Holding Following Notification
Elizabeth Corley	1,027	£7.365	8,066
Vivienne Cox	311	£7.365	5,263
Harish Manwani	2,158	£7.365	14,151
Tim Score	2,141	£7.365	17,285
Lincoln Wallen	550	£7.365	4,423

Name of Director	No. of ADRs Purchased	Price per ADR	Total Holding Following Notification
Joshua Lewis	427	\$9.67	11,033
Linda Lorimer	562	\$9.67	6,977
Sidney Taurel	3,045	\$9.67	78,677

The following notifications, made in accordance with the requirements of the EU Market Abuse Regulation, give further detail.

Notification and public disclosure of transactions by persons discharging managerial responsibilities and persons closely associated with them

1	Details of the person discharging managerial responsibilities/person closely associated	
a)	Name	Elizabeth Corley
2	Reason for the notification	
a)	Position/status	Non-Executive Director
b)	Initial notification	Initial notification

	/Amendment	
3	Details of the issuer, emission allowance market participant, auction platform, auctioneer or auction monitor	
a)	Name	Pearson plc
b)	LEI	2138004JBXWWJKIURC57
4	Details of the transaction(s): section to be repeated for (i) each type of instrument; (ii) each type of transaction; (iii) each date; and (iv) each place where transactions have been conducted	
a)	Description of the financial instrument, type of instrument Identification code	Ordinary shares of 25 pence each in Pearson plc ISIN: GB0006776081
b)	Nature of the transaction	Purchase of shares arising from Company's Non-Executive Directors' Share Purchase Plan
c)	Price(s) and volume(s)	Price(s)
		Volume(s)
		Purchase price: £7.365 per share
		1,027
d)	Aggregated information - Aggregated volume - Price	Aggregated volume: 1,027 shares Aggregated price: £7,563.86
e)	Date of the transaction	15 December 2017
f)	Place of the transaction	London Stock Exchange (XLON)

1	Details of the person discharging managerial responsibilities/person closely associated	
a)	Name	Vivienne Cox
2	Reason for the notification	
a)	Position/status	Non-Executive Director
b)	Initial notification /Amendment	Initial notification
3	Details of the issuer, emission allowance market participant, auction platform, auctioneer or auction monitor	

a)	Name	Pearson plc	
b)	LEI	2138004JBXWWJKIURC57	
4	Details of the transaction(s): section to be repeated for (i) each type of instrument; (ii) each type of transaction; (iii) each date; and (iv) each place where transactions have been conducted		
a)	Description of the financial instrument, type of instrument Identification code	Ordinary shares of 25 pence each in Pearson plc ISIN: GB0006776081	
b)	Nature of the transaction	Purchase of shares arising from Company's Non-Executive Directors' Share Purchase Plan	
c)	Price(s) and volume(s)	Price(s)	Volume(s)
		Purchase price: £7.365 per share	311
d)	Aggregated information - Aggregated volume - Price	Aggregated volume: 311 shares Aggregated price: £2,290.52	
e)	Date of the transaction	15 December 2017	
f)	Place of the transaction	London Stock Exchange (XLON)	

1	Details of the person discharging managerial responsibilities/person closely associated		
a)	Name	Harish Manwani	
2	Reason for the notification		
a)	Position/status	Non-Executive Director	
b)	Initial notification /Amendment	Initial notification	
3	Details of the issuer, emission allowance market participant, auction platform, auctioneer or auction monitor		
a)	Name	Pearson plc	
b)	LEI	2138004JBXWWJKIURC57	
4	Details of the transaction(s): section to be repeated for (i) each type of instrument; (ii) each type of transaction; (iii) each date; and (iv) each place		

where transactions have been conducted		
a)	Description of the financial instrument, type of instrument Identification code	Ordinary shares of 25 pence each in Pearson plc ISIN: GB0006776081
b)	Nature of the transaction	Purchase of shares arising from Company's Non-Executive Directors' Share Purchase Plan
c)	Price(s) and volume(s)	Price(s)
		Volume(s)
		Purchase price: £7.365 per share
d)	Aggregated information - Aggregated volume - Price	Aggregated volume: 2,158 shares Aggregated price: £15,893.67
e)	Date of the transaction	15 December 2017
f)	Place of the transaction	London Stock Exchange (XLON)

1	Details of the person discharging managerial responsibilities/person closely associated	
a)	Name	Tim Score
2	Reason for the notification	
a)	Position/status	Non-Executive Director
b)	Initial notification /Amendment	Initial notification
3	Details of the issuer, emission allowance market participant, auction platform, auctioneer or auction monitor	
a)	Name	Pearson plc
b)	LEI	2138004JBXWWJKIURC57
4	Details of the transaction(s): section to be repeated for (i) each type of instrument; (ii) each type of transaction; (iii) each date; and (iv) each place where transactions have been conducted	
a)	Description of the financial instrument, type of instrument	Ordinary shares of 25 pence each in Pearson plc

	Identification code	ISIN: GB0006776081	
b)	Nature of the transaction	Purchase of shares arising from Company's Non-Executive Directors' Share Purchase Plan	
c)	Price(s) and volume(s)	Price(s)	Volume(s)
		Purchase price: £7.365 per share	2,141
d)	Aggregated information - Aggregated volume - Price	Aggregated volume: 2,141 shares Aggregated price: £15,768.47	
e)	Date of the transaction	15 December 2017	
f)	Place of the transaction	London Stock Exchange (XLON)	

1	Details of the person discharging managerial responsibilities/person closely associated		
a)	Name	Lincoln Wallen	
2	Reason for the notification		
a)	Position/status	Non-Executive Director	
b)	Initial notification /Amendment	Initial notification	
3	Details of the issuer, emission allowance market participant, auction platform, auctioneer or auction monitor		
a)	Name	Pearson plc	
b)	LEI	2138004JBXWWJKIURC57	
4	Details of the transaction(s): section to be repeated for (i) each type of instrument; (ii) each type of transaction; (iii) each date; and (iv) each place where transactions have been conducted		
a)	Description of the financial instrument, type of instrument Identification code	Ordinary shares of 25 pence each in Pearson plc ISIN: GB0006776081	

b)	Nature of the transaction	Purchase of shares arising from Company's Non-Executive Directors' Share Purchase Plan	
c)	Price(s) and volume(s)	Price(s)	Volume(s)
		Purchase price: £7.365 per share	550
d)	Aggregated information - Aggregated volume - Price	Aggregated volume: 550 shares Aggregated price: £4,050.75	
e)	Date of the transaction	15 December 2017	
f)	Place of the transaction	London Stock Exchange (XLON)	

1	Details of the person discharging managerial responsibilities/person closely associated		
a)	Name	Joshua Lewis	
2	Reason for the notification		
a)	Position/status	Non-Executive Director	
b)	Initial notification /Amendment	Initial notification	
3	Details of the issuer, emission allowance market participant, auction platform, auctioneer or auction monitor		
a)	Name	Pearson plc	
b)	LEI	2138004JBXWWJKIURC57	
4	Details of the transaction(s): section to be repeated for (i) each type of instrument; (ii) each type of transaction; (iii) each date; and (iv) each place where transactions have been conducted		
a)	Description of the financial instrument, type of instrument	American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) in Pearson plc (each ADR represents one ordinary share of 25 pence in Pearson plc)	
	Identification code	ISIN: US7050151056	
b)	Nature of the transaction	Purchase of shares arising from Company's Non-Executive Directors' Share Purchase Plan	
c)	Price(s) and volume(s)	Price(s)	Volume(s)

		Purchase price: \$9.67 per ADR	427
d)	Aggregated information - Aggregated volume - Price	Aggregated volume: 427 ADRs. Aggregated price: \$4,129.60	
e)	Date of the transaction	15 December 2017	
f)	Place of the transaction	New York Stock Exchange (XNYS)	

1	Details of the person discharging managerial responsibilities/person closely associated		
a)	Name	Linda Lorimer	
2	Reason for the notification		
a)	Position/status	Non-Executive Director	
b)	Initial notification /Amendment	Initial notification	
3	Details of the issuer, emission allowance market participant, auction platform, auctioneer or auction monitor		
a)	Name	Pearson plc	
b)	LEI	2138004JBXWWJKIURC57	
4	Details of the transaction(s): section to be repeated for (i) each type of instrument; (ii) each type of transaction; (iii) each date; and (iv) each place where transactions have been conducted		
a)	Description of the financial instrument, type of instrument Identification code	American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) in Pearson plc (each ADR represents one ordinary share of 25 pence in Pearson plc) ISIN: US7050151056	
b)	Nature of the transaction	Purchase of shares arising from Company's Non-Executive Directors' Share Purchase Plan	
c)	Price(s) and volume(s)	Price(s)	Volume(s)
		Purchase price: \$9.67 per ADR	562
d)	Aggregated information	Aggregated volume: 562 ADRs.	

	- Aggregated volume - Price	Aggregated price: \$5,435.21
e)	Date of the transaction	15 December 2017
f)	Place of the transaction	New York Stock Exchange (XNYS)

1	Details of the person discharging managerial responsibilities/person closely associated	
a)	Name	Sidney Taurel
2	Reason for the notification	
a)	Position/status	Chairman
b)	Initial notification /Amendment	Initial notification
3	Details of the issuer, emission allowance market participant, auction platform, auctioneer or auction monitor	
a)	Name	Pearson plc
b)	LEI	2138004JBXWWJJKIURC57
4	Details of the transaction(s): section to be repeated for (i) each type of instrument; (ii) each type of transaction; (iii) each date; and (iv) each place where transactions have been conducted	
a)	Description of the financial instrument, type of instrument Identification code	American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) in Pearson plc (each ADR represents one ordinary share of 25 pence in Pearson plc) ISIN: US7050151056
b)	Nature of the transaction	Purchase of shares arising from Company's Non-Executive Directors' Share Purchase Plan
c)	Price(s) and volume(s)	Price(s)
		Volume(s)
		Purchase price: \$9.67 per ADR
		3,045
d)	Aggregated information - Aggregated volume - Price	Aggregated volume: 3,045 ADRs. Aggregated price: \$29,448.80
e)	Date of the transaction	15 December 2017

f)	Place of the transaction	New York Stock Exchange (XNYS)
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