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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

Dear families,

We are really looking forward to meeting your child as they begin their transition to Longdendale. The images you have shared with us suggest your sunflowers have all enjoyed our recent sunshine and are in full bloom. Well done to those with 'green fingers'. If you've not already done so please send in your pictures.

As you may be aware the NEU have announced two further strike days on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July is one of the calendared Year 6 induction days. As the induction days are agreed dates across Tameside, the local authority have decided to reduce the induction day provision to just one day this year in light of the proposed strike action, and this will remain on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

We are planning for an action-packed full day for the Class of 2028 on the Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Please could you ensure your child arrives at Longdendale for around 8:20am, ready to start at 8:30am. Students are expected to be wearing their full professional primary school uniform and have their school bag which needs to contain a pen, pencil and ruler. The students will be supported on their journey up the hill to school by our transition mentors. If you have brought them to school please stay at the gate! Your child will assemble outside our Outdoor Pursuits Centre. The school day will end at 2:40pm, at which time we will escort the students down to the buses and supervise their departure. It is important to try to mirror the school experience as far as is possible. For some this may be their first independent day of travel. However, it is important they are able to practise this before they start fully with us in September.

Our parent meeting will take place as originally calendared on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July between 6-8pm. Please could you sign in on arrival in our Entrance Hall. Some parents will be directed towards the Outdoor Pursuit Centre to hear some important whole school messages, whilst others will have an opportunity to meet their child's form tutor and receive essential information regarding your child's start at Longdendale. The groups will then swap round.

We are delighted that towards the end of the summer break we will be hosting 'Longdendale Summer Camp 2023' on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The day will be a feast of activities, such as sports, games, crafts, poetry and music. It will be a fabulous opportunity for your child to make new friends and have fun. We ask that parents contribute of £15 towards the two-day experience. Snacks and drinks will be provided; however, a packed lunch will need to be provided by home. Places on the camp are limited. A letter will follow shortly with more details on how to secure your child's place.

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August there will be a parent drop-in day. Parents will have the chance to grab a coffee and cake, take a look around the school and speak to key staff in the year 7 team. Our pre-loved uniform shop will be also available for those last purchases.

May I take this opportunity to welcome you again to our Longdendale community. We very much look forward to working in partnership with you over the forthcoming years.

Yours sincerely,



Jenny Willis

Director of Transition and Primary Liaison