



Dear Families,

Re: Transition to Longdendale & Summer School – The class of 2026

As time draws ever closer to your child transitioning from their primary school to Longdendale, we wanted to take this opportunity to write to you to share further details about our exciting transition programme and invite them to attend our **FREE**, fully funded summer school between the 9 – 13 August. **(Please click on the link at the bottom of this letter to register your interest before Thursday 27 May).**

We recognise that due to the challenges we have all faced as a result of the Covid pandemic, this has been a difficult time for all parents and carers. Despite the challenges and remaining restrictions, we have a resolute 'business as usual' philosophy regarding the transition of your child to our Longdendale family. You will no doubt be pleased to know that since your child was allocated to us we have been working closely together with your Childs' primary school to collect as much information, both academic and pastoral, to allow us to put in place our usual high standards of educational provision for when they join our community.

We would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that your child will not be disadvantaged due to the cancellation of their SAT exams and the break from their education will be minimalised. Over the forthcoming weeks, months and years we will work hard with you and your child to close any gaps in your child's learning and progress that may have emerged.

We look forward to meeting **parents and carers** for the first time at 6pm on **Tuesday 29th June 2021**. Please note this is different to the published date. As things currently stand, this meeting will be face to face at Longdendale High School. It is vitally important that you attend this meeting as we will be sharing important information about the forthcoming induction days and your child's provision for once they start with us in September 2021. As we understand it as present, the government will be making an announcement regarding Covid restrictions shortly before this, so please understand that this plan may yet be subject to change at short notice.

We will be providing **two** full induction days at Longdendale High School on the **1 & 2 July 2021** for the full cohort of students from the class of 2026. Please note that this is a change to the three days originally calendared. At the parent meeting on the 29 June we will share the full details about our exciting induction programme. If you have a question that you feel cannot wait until the parent meeting, please do not hesitate in contacting the school using the details above.

As you may be aware from the news, we are pleased to confirm that we will be offering a **FREE** summer school to **every** student from the class of 2026 between the **9 August and the 13 August** 2021, 9am until 3pm. Despite only receiving government funding for half of the places, we feel it is such a good opportunity for your child that we have committed to funding a place for everybody transitioning to Longdendale High School.

Our rationale behind the summer school is to close the gap in progress as a result of missed learning and to reduce anxiety and support positive wellbeing and mental health. Research from the Education Endowment Foundation has found that, on average, students who attend summer schools make two months additional progress compared to those that do not. We also want to use the summer school as a way for your child to make new friends, to develop their personal skills and increase their self-confidence.

The theme of for the week will be 'The Spirit of Adventure'. We are planning for an action packed week of activities such as graffiti art, street dance, and using the Science labs for 'crime scene investigation'. There will be games and sports, the 'School of Rock' and trips out of school. All this will be provided for **FREE**. In addition, if your child is in receipt of free school meals they will have their lunch provided and we will provide them with a free Greater Manchester bus travel pass for the week.

If you are interested in securing your child a place at the summer school, **please click on the link below before Thursday 27 May**. This will take you to a simple form to complete. At a later date we will contact you to confirm your child's attendance and share with you further details regarding the full itinerary for the week long Longdendale summer school experience. We need to submit final numbers to the Department for Education on Friday 28th May. Additional places cannot be added after this date.



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We are looking forward to meeting you and your child and welcoming you personally to our Longdendale family on **Tuesday 29 June 2021**. If you have additional questions regarding transition that cannot wait until the parent meeting, please contact us on the telephone number above. In the meantime we hope that you and your family keep safe and well and your child enjoys their remaining few weeks at primary school.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Willis'.

Mrs Jenny Willis

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