



# Longridge High School

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7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well and looking forward to the summer break.

I am really sorry that we were not able to run our normal Induction Day for your children, and Induction Evening for yourselves this year. Obviously with the COVID variant, schools have had to make tough decisions to ensure the safety of all pupils, staff and families.

We are all really looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7s to Longridge High School – I know many of them will be coming to Summer School in August. Please don't worry if your child is unable to make the dates for this – there will be plenty of opportunities in September to get to know the school.

If your child is feeling anxious about starting high school, please contact the school and we can arrange for you to come in to school with them to help put their mind at ease. Please rest assured, the safety and happiness of your child is our key priority.

We see the next five years as working in partnership with yourselves to ensure your child enjoys school, makes excellent progress and involves themselves fully in the life of the school. To begin this partnership, we are inviting you to a rearranged Induction Evening at the school on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 6:00pm – 7:00pm**. During the course of the evening you will find out about the school, and be able to ask questions and speak to key staff.

In this envelope, you will find enclosed a parent handbook which will guide you through our systems and give you key information needed for starting school in September. We have also made a film for all Year 6 and their families to watch. This film introduces key staff to you, and also your child's form tutor. It also contains messages from other pupils. You will find this on the school website under the **Year 6 transition tab**. Click on the link and it will take you to the film. The Year 6 transition page contains all the information needed for September. You will also find some useful information about our school systems, including Synergy. This will be fully explained to you and your child in September.

«Name» will be in «Form» with «Tutor».

When we begin school in September, we will be teaching Year 7 in their tutor groups for the first half term. This will give us the opportunity to help them acclimatise to life at high school, and also help us to assess their learning. It is anticipated they will then be set for subjects at October half term.

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The Government has removed the need for pupils to be taught in bubbles as from September 2021. However, all year 7 tutor groups will be based in the North Block for registration periods for the full year – this is where their Head of Year is based, and they will have exclusive use of the dining room in this block at break and lunchtimes, as well as use of the toilets in this block at these times. They will also have their own dedicated outside play area, with teachers on duty. We think this will really help them to settle into high school. They will then have all their lessons in subject areas across the school, accessing all our specialist rooms.

The first day back for Year 7 will be **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**.

- School will begin at the usual time of 8:40am, and Year 7 will be met by staff at the school gates from 8:30am onwards. They need to be in **full uniform**, but they will not need their PE kit for the first week.
- School will provide a complimentary meals service at break and lunch time on the Thursday and Friday. After that, should you wish your child to have school meals, you will need to put money onto ParentPay. Details about this will follow.
- The only other year group in school that day will be Year 11.
- All year groups will return to school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.
- Due to a change in COVID restrictions, please note facemasks do not need to be worn in school or on public transport.

We have JUST been told that we have to have lateral flow testing on site for all pupils in September – all pupils will need to take two tests, three days apart. After that, they will be given testing kits to take home, testing themselves twice a week until the end of September. The first test in school will be Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September for Year 7 – this will be conducted by trained staff, will be done discretely and professionally, and will take 20 minutes out of the day. This is not compulsory, although I would encourage you to let your child take a test at school. If you are giving consent, please sign and return the consent form to school as soon as possible, in the pre-paid envelope. Should the Government guidance change on this I will let you know.

We are all really looking forward to meeting your child and then yourselves in due course. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please email [admin@lhs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lhs.lancs.sch.uk) or ring the school on 01772 782316, option 5, and one of our team will get back to you.

I hope you enjoy the summer break and look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours Sincerely,



Jane Green  
Headteacher