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Dear Parent / Carer,

## Re: Year 6 Transition Update (0169-20AME)

Longfield very much look forward to welcoming your child in September. I am writing today to update you on events and key dates following the latest government announcement.

If you have not yet returned your '**New Starter – Return to School**' pack, please do so as a matter of urgency. If you require a new set of paperwork, please contact school reception.

Miss Metcalfe is currently visiting your child's primary school to gather information to ensure we are fully prepared for your child joining us in September. During these primary school visits, Miss Metcalfe will deliver a 1 hour 'Stepping up to Secondary – The Longfield Way' session to all pupils.

This session has been developed with the Tees, Esk and Wear Valley Mental Health Support Team and covers aspects of emotional wellbeing and resilience. The session aims to provide pupils with an overview of how Transition may affect them, and strategies to support this.

Following recent announcements, we are sorry to announce that we are unable to offer our two traditional 'Transition Days' where pupils come into school and experience life at Longfield. In place of this, your child will remain at their primary school and will access a Virtual Transition. This includes, a live Q&A session, tour of the school and examples of secondary school lessons.

As pupils are missing out on the 'in person' opportunity, the first two days of school on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**, will be our 'Induction Days'. These days will cover everything our new pupils require to ensure a successful and smooth start at Longfield.

If you feel an additional visit or meeting is required to discuss your child's transition, please contact Miss Metcalfe via main reception on 01325 380815 or email [transition@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk](mailto:transition@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk)

Our 'New Year 7 Induction Evening' will now take place virtually on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021** from 5:00pm onwards. This presentation will be made available on our website for families to watch at their own convenience. This presentation will contain vital information in preparing your child for Longfield.

The most effective way to access the most up-to-date Year 6 Transition information is to follow us via our Social Media accounts on Instagram (LongfieldTransition), Facebook (We Are Longfield) and Twitter (@WeAreLongfield). Alternatively, please visit the Year 6 Transition area of the school website.

In order to help you plan for the new school year, we would like to provide you with some **proposed** key dates below (all dates are subject to change with government advice):



- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021** – Virtual Year 6/7 Transition Days
- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 3:30pm to 6:00pm** – Pop-up Uniform Shop\*
- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July, from 5:00pm onwards** – Virtual 'New Year 7 Induction Evening' available on school website
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021, 8:50am to 3:20pm** – First day of term
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021** – Year 7 Induction Days (including school photographs)
- **Week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 7 Baseline Testing for English and Maths
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 5:00pm to 5:30pm** – Year 7 Welcome Evening
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 9:15am – 10:45am** – Year 7 and 8, Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning – a community engagement event to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Research

\*On **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 3:30pm to 6:00pm** our uniform suppliers, Elizabeth's Embroidery, are running a pop-up shop in school on an **appointment only** basis. If you wish to make an appointment to view or purchase uniform for September, please visit <https://elizabeths-embroidery.appointlet.com/s/uniform-fitting-at-longfield-academy>

Following a number of enquiries, I would like to remind you of an amendment to the uniform policy. From September 2021, we are going to be in the navy polo shirts all year. We no longer operate a summer / winter uniform. This means pupils do not require white shirts and ties.

For further uniform enquiries and sales, please contact Elizabeth's Embroidery on  
T: (01642) 674973 or visit their on-line shop at:

[www.elizabethsembroidery.co.uk](http://www.elizabethsembroidery.co.uk)

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If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, you are entitled to financial support when purchasing school uniform. You could receive up to 50% off the cost of school uniform up to the value of £50 per annum. To claim your discount, please contact Elizabeth's Embroidery advising them that your child receives Free School Meals.

If you require further information or details on joining us in September, please visit <https://longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk/welcometolongfield/> for a comprehensive guide to joining our school.

Yours sincerely,



Mr N Lindsay

Head of School