

September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Open Evening 2021 – Thursday 7th October

We are delighted to invite you to Longsands Academy on Thursday 7 October for our annual Open Evening at the following times:

5:45pm – 6:45pm: Parents/Carers of children at Crosshall, Little Paxton, Great Staughton, Winhills, St Marys, Eynesbury and Offord primary schools

7:00pm – 8:00pm: Parents/Carers of children at Priory, Roundhouse, Great Paxton, Kimbolton, Newton, Bushmead and Middlefield primary schools

If your child's primary school is not listed above please email us (enquiries@astrea-longsands.org) and we will be pleased to allocate you a time.

If you would like to visit the SEND department please email Mrs Martin, our SENDCo, to arrange an appointment patricia.martin@astrea-longsands.org. These will take place on the same evening but in the opposite hour to your tour.

Whilst we are delighted that we will be able to open our doors once again to prospective new families, we are also very aware that we are hosting a large event when Covid-19 is still prevalent in society. We would therefore like to recommend that visitors take the following precautions before attending our Open Evening:

- It is vitally important that you attend the correct session for your child's primary school for the safety of all visitors. Please arrive via the **main reception** at either 5:35pm or 6:50pm in order that we can ensure that your tour can start on time.
- Wherever possible, we would like to request that only one parent/carers and Year 6 child attend our Open Evening to ensure the safety of our students, staff and wider community as much as possible.
- Although we understand that Year 4 and 5 parents/carers and their families would like to visit us we would recommend that you defer your visit until next year to allow capacity for Year 6 families.
- We would request that, if possible, face coverings are worn.
- We would also like to recommend that any visitors over the age of 11 take a Lateral Flow test before attending. Further information can be found here:

[Regular rapid lateral flow coronavirus \(COVID-19\) tests - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

You will be allocated a student guide who will assist you in moving around the school and answer any questions you may have. The tour will last for one hour and will include timed visits to all Year 7 curriculum areas. You will have an opportunity to ask questions to members of staff and the student guides during the tour but if you need to ask any further questions, please do email enquiries@astrea-longsands.org and we can answer any additional questions. We ask you to not email the school with questions before the 7th October as the evening may well answer them for you.

I am aware that some families may not be available to attend our Open Evening so the Academy's prospectus and the Principal's presentation will be online this year and available to access from 7 October <https://www.astrea-longsands.org/parents/open-evening/>.

Our website contains some valuable resources to help support transition to Longsands. It will be updated during the year so please do revisit it regularly to find further updates in preparation for your child starting Year 7 in September 2022. In the meantime, I am pleased to share some key dates for our transition process this academic year which are as follows:

- Deadline for Applications - 31 October 2021
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/secondary-school>
- National Offer Date - 1 March 2022
- Year 6 Parent/Carer Information Evening – 27 June 2022
- Transition Day for Year 6 Students at Longsands Academy – 28 June 2022
- First Day of School for Year 7 Students – 5 September 2022. Please note ONLY Year 7 students will attend the Academy on this day.

We look forward to welcoming you to Longsands Academy.

Yours sincerely



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