

30th September 2021

Dear Perspective Longdendale family,

I know that this is a very exciting but also a nervous time for you as a parent, and your child, as they think about the next stage of their journey. Choosing the right secondary school for your child is a big decision and we recognise that not being able to welcome you into our school and show you who we are, and how we work, isn't helping. A letter from Tameside Local Authority is available on our website to explain the reasons for the cancellation of Open Evenings in Tameside secondary schools.

Sadly, for the second year in a row we won't be able to host a 'live' Open Evening. Once again, the impact of Covid is too great and the advice from Public Health is that we are simply putting the community at too great a risk if we go ahead with our usual planned Open Evening.

As an alternative we have put together a virtual Longdendale experience that you can register for via our website. We will go live with our new website and virtual presentation on Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup> 2021.

We will also be offering tours of the school to small, pre-booked groups of parents. These will be at the end of the school day and will be led by a member of senior staff. Our intention is that these will give you a flavour of who we are.

The dates of the tours are below. If you have any further questions about the school please do not hesitate to contact us on the details above.

To book a tour please contact school on 01457 764006. Please note that tours are for Year 6 pupils only, and are limited to one parent and one child. However, please inform us if you have any additional requirements. Tours will be for 25-30 minutes at the times displayed in the table below. There will be a maximum of five adults and five children allowed on each tour, and we would ask that masks be worn.

**Tour information:**

<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	3.30pm - 4.00pm	4.00pm - 4.30pm	4.30pm - 5.00pm
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	3.30pm - 4.00pm	4.00pm - 4.30pm	4.30pm - 5.00pm
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	3.30pm - 4.00pm	4.00pm - 4.30pm	4.30pm - 5.00pm
<b>Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	3.30pm - 4.00pm	4.00pm - 4.30pm	4.30pm - 5.00pm
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	3.30pm - 4.00pm	4.00pm - 4.30pm	4.30pm - 5.00pm
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	3.30pm - 4.00pm	4.00pm - 4.30pm	4.30pm - 5.00pm
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	3.30pm - 4.00pm	4.00pm - 4.30pm	4.30pm - 5.00pm
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	3.30pm - 4.00pm	4.00pm - 4.30pm	4.30pm - 5.00pm
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	3.30pm - 4.00pm	4.00pm - 4.30pm	

Please DO NOT attend a tour if:

- you or your child have the main symptoms of Covid (fever, new and continuous cough, a loss of sense of taste or smell)
- you or your child have tested positive for Covid 19 in the last 14 days
- you or your child have finished your quarantine period having returned from a Red List country in the last 14 days

We hope you can access the information you need to make the right choice for your child's next phase of their education. If you require any additional information regarding the admissions process please click on the link below for Tameside MBC:

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/TamesideMBC/media/Children/Coordinated-Admissions-Scheme-for-Schools-in-Tameside-for-2022-23.pdf>

Please note that the closing date for on-line applications is 31 October 2021.

Yours faithfully



**Mrs Jenny Willis**  
**Assistant Headteacher**

