



Dear Parents / Carers

I am delighted by your decision to accept a place at Langtree School for your child starting in September 2022, and would like to take this opportunity to offer you a very warm welcome as a member of our school community. After all the difficulties caused by the pandemic over the past two years, we are all looking forward to an exciting future with tremendous optimism, and are very glad that your child will be part of this at Langtree.

However, we were very disappointed that our envisaged Open Evening and associated events had to be limited in attendance due to Covid, and very much hope that our other induction activities will not be affected. In any case, I would like to assure you and your child of a warm welcome when we are finally able to meet, as well as excellent teaching and the individual pastoral care of which Langtree School is so justifiably proud. As you hopefully already know, our GCSE outcomes are consistently in the top 10% of schools nationally, and we are very proud of all the various achievements of all our students.

But if for any reason you do not wish to take up your place at Langtree, then please be sure to let us know right away, and also notify OCC - because as usual, we are hugely oversubscribed this year, and have a very long waiting list of students who would dearly love to join us in September. So you will appreciate that the earlier we can let them know a place has become available, the less of an anxious wait these families will have.

But hopefully your child is looking forward to starting with us and by now you should have downloaded your information pack which will hopefully provide you with everything you need to know at this very important time of transfer from primary to secondary school. However, if there is anything else you require from us, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Debbie Hayward, our Admissions Officer, at Langtree School on 01491 683364 email: dhayward@langtreeschool.com

In addition, we would encourage you to use the school website on a regular basis. All the admissions information, as well as the weekly bulletin, letters and newsletters, are posted electronically on the website: www.langtreeschool.com Our aim is to communicate with parents electronically wherever possible, so **it is extremely important that your email contact information is kept up to date**. We pride ourselves in our efforts to communicate as frequently and effectively as we can with parents - and you can also follow us on Twitter @head4094.

Parents and Carers also often ask how they can help us at Langtree School - and you will soon find that we regularly make requests for parental / carer support at events such as 'Make a difference' days, or to help with school productions, and also with careers information sessions happening in school. These requests are generally made through the weekly bulletin.

The other way that parents / carers can help is by supporting the fundraising of the PTA or by making a regular donation to the school through the 'Friends of Langtree School' scheme. Funding to schools continues to be extremely tight for most state schools - and as a small school, Langtree is not alone in facing ongoing financial challenges. We therefore follow the precedent set by other local schools by inviting our supportive parental community to consider making an annual voluntary parental contribution to the school. For example, a donation of £5 per term really helps us to provide the little extras that allow students to really thrive at school. However, it is naturally up to parents and carers themselves how much they choose to donate. And all donations, whether a one-off payment or a monthly contribution, can of course be Gift Aided, which means that the government will add an additional 25% of the value of the donation to the school in tax relief. Please indicate if you would like to Gift Aid your donation when you make your payment online. Donations can be made via the 'SCO PAY' link on the front page of the school website (just select the 'school donation' option), or by completing a standing order mandate which should be returned to the school. Further details and the forms can be found on the school website: <https://www.langtreeschool.com/friends-of-langtree/>

In closing, may I say again how pleased I am that you and your child will be joining the Langtree School community. I speak on behalf of all our staff when I say that we look forward to working with you very closely during your child's career at Langtree, and am very confident that this will be a very happy and successful experience for you all.

I hope your son/daughter will enjoy their last few months at primary school, and will look forward to getting to know them when they officially join the Langtree family in September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Bamford', with a horizontal line underneath.

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