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## To Parent/Carers of all transfer students

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted your child will be joining us at Langtree School in September this year and I am writing with information about the Year 6 Taster Day, along with further information which you will find helpful in the transition process between primary and secondary school.

I will be making a visit to all the primary schools in June, and will be able to answer any further questions that your child may have about the Taster Day then.

Please note: due to the ongoing Corona Virus pandemic, some of the information given below may be subject to change. However, you will be notified in advance of any changes necessary and if we are unable to run any of the events, we will be holding 'virtual' events instead.

# <u>Year 6 Taster Day – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021</u>

On **Tuesday 6 July**, all Year 6 children who are starting at Langtree this September are invited to come and spend the day with us. The Taster Day is an opportunity for your son/daughter to become more familiar with the school and meet some of the teachers. It is also an opportunity to meet other children who will be coming to Langtree from a large number of primary schools. Although we use a cashless catering system, Year 6 students will be able to use cash on the day to buy their lunch. Alternatively, they can bring a packed lunch if they wish.

## **Transport for Taster Day**

The school day begins at 8.50am for morning registration and ends at 3.30pm. Unfortunately, primary school students are not able to use Oxfordshire County Council school transport for this day, so you will need to make arrangements to transport your child/ren to school and back. Please make sure that your child arrives in school by <u>8.45am</u>. At the end of the day the school buses take a while to leave the site, so to avoid congestion it would be appreciated if you could delay collecting your child until 3.45pm, after the buses have left.

# <u>Parents' Transition Workshops – Monday 24 May 6-8pm, Wednesday 26 May 9.30-11.30am, Monday 14 June 6-8pm, 2021.</u>

To be held in the 'Lion's Den', Community School House, opposite Langtree School. This is an informal workshop which parents are invited to attend to discuss their hopes, expectations and concerns around their child's transition from primary to secondary school. If you would like to attend this event, please email Mrs Belcher at: bbelcher@langtreeschool.com

<u>Singles' Transition Event – Tuesday 22nd June 2021, 9.30am – 10.30am</u>. This event is for any students where they are the only student transferring to Langtree from their primary school. It is an opportunity for them to meet other students who are also coming independently; make friends and to feel part of a group before the Taster Day. If you would like your child to attend this event, please email Mrs Belcher at: bbelcher@langtreeschool.com

Coffee Morning – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 11.00am to 12 midday, in the 'Lion's Den', ground floor Woodcote Community Centre. This is a coffee morning for all parents of children starting school at Langtree in September 2021. A selection of key staff and a representative from Trutex will be there to answer any questions. Please do come along and join us. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents. This is for parents only.

# Welcome Evening - Monday 19th July 2021, 5.45pm for a 6pm start - Main Hall

You are invited to come with your son/daughter to our Welcome Evening for all new Year 7 students. On this evening, students will be introduced to their tutor and spend time with their new tutor group. Parents will be able to meet the Headteacher, other members of staff, governors and representatives from the Langtree School Association, a Trutex uniform representative and ask any outstanding questions.



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# <u>Year 7 Induction Day – 2nd September 2021</u>

The first day of term **on 2<sup>nd</sup> September** will be an induction day for Year 7 students and their Year 11 mentors only. This will allow our new students to have the school to themselves in order to familiarise themselves with the layout of the site and our daily routines a day before all the other students return. During this day our Year 7 students may also take their Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs) and may be logged onto the school ICT network and given their email address. Further details of the day will be provided for you at the **Welcome Evening on Monday 19 July.** 

#### **School Uniform**

On our website is a copy of our uniform requirements. A Trutex representative will be at our Welcome Evening and will be able to help you with items you need. On the night, there will be samples of all available items for you to inspect. There will also be catalogues and an order form. You can fill in the form whilst you are there and hand it in with payment, or take it away and send it direct to the supplier. There is also a link to the Trutex website in the Admissions section on our website. Your uniform will then be sent direct to your home. It is guaranteed to arrive before the Autumn terms starts.

## **Tutor Groups**

When your child starts at Langtree in September, he/she will be placed in to a tutor group. This tutor group will meet twice a day for registration. Students remain in this group for five years and the tutor will be responsible for your child's general welfare in school.

To help our grouping, I would be grateful if you could complete the attached 'Taster Day Information' form to indicate up to four friends with whom your child would be happy to be grouped with <u>if and where</u> **possible**.

## **Personal information**

It is obviously important that we have <u>accurate</u> details of all of our incoming students. *Please ensure that you fully complete the Student Enrolment, Taster Day, and Cashless Catering Forms* and any other 'optional' forms that may be applicable to your child. Also, if your child suffers from a medical condition that requires medicine to kept in school, for example: inhaler, EPIPEN, migraine tablets etc., please contact the school office.

## **Dates for your diary**

Monday 24 May 2021 } Wednesday 26 May 2021 } Parents' Transition Workshops

Monday 14 June 2021 }

Wednesday 22 June 2021 'Singles' Transition Event

**Tuesday 6 July 2021 Taster Day** 

Monday 7 July 2021 Parents' Coffee Morning
Monday 19 July 2021 Welcome Evening – All
Thursday 2 Sept 2021 Term Starts (Year 7's only)

We very much look forward to welcoming your child to Langtree on the **2nd September 2021.** If you have any questions in the meantime, do not hesitate to contact me at the school, or please find all relevant information on our website at **www.langtreeschool.com** 

Yours sincerely

Bev Belcher

# **Mrs Bev Belcher**

Head of Years 7 and 8 and Transition