

13th March 2025

Dear Longdendale Families,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As we work together to support our students' education and personal growth, I would like to take a moment to highlight the importance of ensuring that our students are fully equipped for school each day. The tools that they bring with them to school are not just materials; they are symbols of the responsibility and mindset that contribute to their success in both their academic work and their personal development.

Preparation for school

To support your child's journey, we ask that all students come prepared with the following essential items:

- **Zip Wallet** – This item is key for keeping track of important school materials, while also providing a convenient way to stay organised. This has been provided by school.
- **Masters of Knowledge Book** – This book is central to the learning approach at Longdendale. It serves as a method for supporting their understanding of key concepts, notes, and reflections that will help students develop a deeper understanding of the subjects they are studying.
- **Standards card**- This card is a valuable reminder of our school's core values and the behavioural expectations we hold. It helps students keep track of their personal conduct and holds them accountable for their actions in school.

Prayer room

We have a designated space for students who wish to use it for prayer, reflection, or quiet time. Recognising the importance of providing a respectful and inclusive environment for all students, we are pleased to announce the availability of this dedicated area. The room will be open during unstructured times during school hours. We encourage all students to utilise this space for their needs, whether for quiet contemplation or for practicing their faith. The room is located next the boardroom on the staff corridor and will be a calm and peaceful space for students.

If you would like your child to access this space, please contact our Head of RE Mrs Chappell j.r.chappell.lhs.spt.ac.uk who can arrange a pass for your child to access the prayer room at their convenience.

Toilets

I am in the process of consulting with contractors to improve our toilet facilities. In the meantime, I would like to remind families of our system we have in place to ensure toilets are well maintained for everyone to use.

Students are allowed to use the toilets throughout the school day, but they are asked to do so in a way that ensures their safety. This means that we will ask students to use the following system:

- Notify a member of staff in lessons who will then indicate the specific toilet facilities they should use during that lesson.
- Students are provided with a teacher pass to ensure that students out of lessons are not merely truanting.
- Supervised use of toilets through duty staff at break and lunch times.
- Year 7 students can access a separate set of toilets during break time near the English corridor.
- A designated toilet for students with specific medical requirements.

Longdendale Legacy builder series

We have launched our Legacy builder series to support students to be successful during their time at Longdendale and to help families support their child at home. Over the coming weeks we will be populating a section on our website with key information under the heading of 'students.' The following support will be available for all.

- Masters of Knowledge student guide
- Our core learning strategies explained by students
- Student support posters
- Family support posters

We appreciate your continued support in reinforcing these expectations with your child. Together, we can help them make the most of their time at Longdendale and build their Legacy.

Thank you for your partnership.

Kind regards,



Mr Chiles
Head of School