



Longwood School and Nursery



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"Our trips out are really fun
and interesting. we learn so
much about our world"

Simran



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Welcome to Longwood

We hope you enjoy reading our prospectus to gain some idea of what we can offer your family.

Longwood School and Nursery is registered as an Independent School with the Department for Education and is also registered with Ofsted and Early Years Ofsted.

The premises are open 7am - 7pm, Monday to Friday, throughout the year except bank holidays. The Nursery and School offer continual education for children from three months to eleven years in a truly family atmosphere.

Longwood's aim is to provide a happy, stimulating, healthy and safe environment where all children can attain high standards and develop into well-balanced citizens. Each child's individuality is fostered with a focus on talents and abilities. We place great emphasis on high standards of self-discipline and considerate behaviour; an essential part of our day-to-day care, in preparation for subsequent schooling.

Longwood Nursery was formed from the consolidation of the family-run well-established Rainbow Nurseries and their staff in operation throughout Bedfordshire and Middlesex. Our continued success since then has enabled longstanding, experienced and well-qualified staff to be happily employed and motivated to ensure that every child receives the best care. Our high standards have been recognised very much within the community and by Ofsted since 1978.

Longwood School was opened in September 1992 in response to popular demand. The School has grown in numbers and success since then and now has over one hundred pupils. This success is attributed to the team of dedicated and professional staff; good results in pupils' achievements; success in secondary school placements; excellent facilities; and small class sizes.

We hope that you will decide to visit us to see Longwood for yourself. Every day is an 'Open Day', and you are invited to see us at work. We would be very pleased to welcome you.

Your Child's Learning Journey

Longwood accepts children from three months old into the Nursery, where they normally stay until the year of their third birthday.

Children then move into Pre-School and Reception classes to complete the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Hartspring is for children in Years One and Two and caters for pupils aged five to seven years.

A purpose-built unit within our grounds houses two further classrooms for children aged seven to eleven years old, as they move through Attenborough (Years Three and Four) and Old Park (Years Five and Six).



Longwood E's- A Language We All Speak

- Enthusiasm
- Experience
- Expertise
- Emotional Wellbeing
- Environment



"We are one big
family"
Aryan

"We love to grow
vegetables and flowers
in our wonderful
grounds"

Max





Nursery

The Nursery caters for children from three months to three years. They develop in environments where each child's learning and development is enhanced by playful activities to encourage resilience, capability, confidence and self-assurance.

Bright and airy separate areas for different age groups offer safe, stimulating and happy environments. A high staff/child ratio with qualified and well-motivated practitioners ensures a caring relationship between parents, babies/children and staff.

Our practitioners are a dedicated, lovely family. Many of them have been at Longwood for over ten years. The team works hard to organise a range of carefully planned, as well as child-initiated, activities to help all children achieve their potential. We use indoor and outdoor climbing equipment, Montessori equipment, tabletop games and puzzles, stories, singing and rhymes, construction equipment, books, interactive computers, home corners and imaginative play areas. All activities are specifically chosen to enhance imaginative, cognitive, physical and language development.

There is a separate cot room in the baby unit, as well as changing facilities and a milk kitchen. Fresh, home-cooked, and well-balanced meals are prepared on-site.

Our nursery is very well equipped, and children have many opportunities to explore and become well-rounded individuals.

Nursery

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We have expansive grounds with grass areas, shady tree areas, soft surface areas, a secret garden, many raised beds for planting and growing, a large greenhouse, a large 400m² all-weather play area with soft roadway, bridge and tunnel, a log world climbing frame, and several canopy areas directly outside most group rooms. Children embrace being outdoors by playing games, climbing equipment, riding bikes and trikes and gardening.

French, Music and Games are taught by peripatetic teachers to the older nursery children.

Our practitioners work closely with children and parents to track each child's personal progress.

Children are welcome to attend a minimum of two days a week.

"Both of my children started at Longwood School & Nursery at 10 months old and have been through all of the stages in the nursery. Both have had an absolutely wonderful experience, and I can't remember a day when either was sad arriving or leaving."

Kate S (Mother)





"We love imaginative play
with dinosaurs and cucumber
worms"

Amanda

Pre-School/ Reception

During the academic year of their fourth birthday, children move out of the Nursery into one of our two pre-school classes - Hillfield or Sarratt. Their learning journey continues under the EYFS framework, but now they have become part of the School where they wear an appropriate version of the uniform, are included in the house system and participate in school assemblies and other events.

Child-initiated and adult-directed activities remain an important part of the timetable. French, Music and Games are delivered by specialist teachers.

We endeavour to promote learning through well-planned, play-based activities and experiences. We keep a balance of formal and informal learning to help each child become confident and independent.

The children receive a more structured approach to their pre-school education by following a timetable that includes all areas of the EYFS curriculum. They will become familiar with numeracy and literacy skills which will prepare them for a smooth transition into Reception.

During the pre-school year, parents are invited to apply for a place for their child to remain at Longwood until the age of eleven years (end of Year Six).





"We have amazing sports facilities at the Leisure Centre next door where we do swimming and gymnastics"
Eleanor

Prep School Hartspring

Key Stage 1, Years 1 & 2

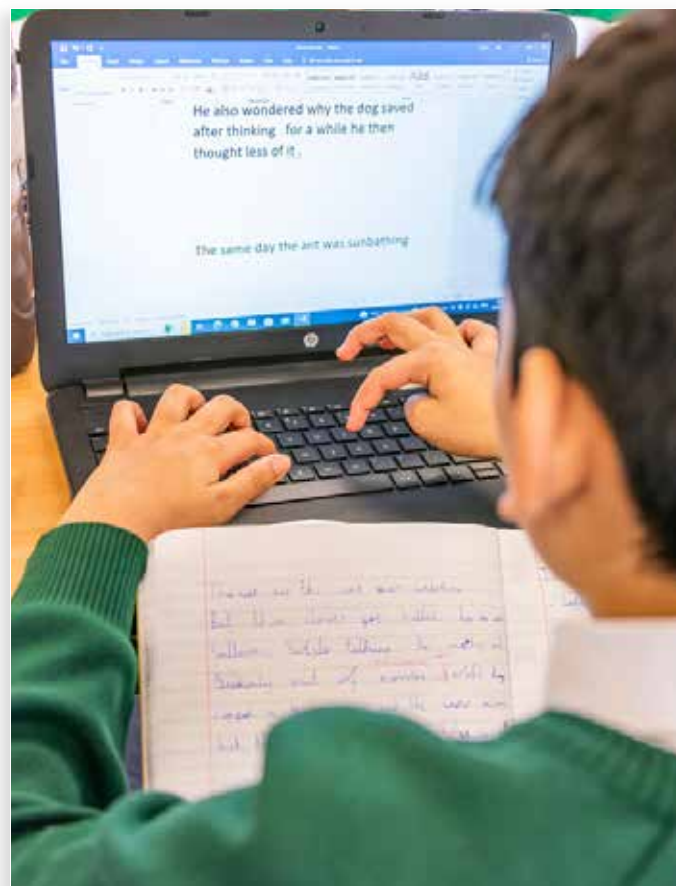
Years 1 and 2 join together in our Hartspring class. We have literacy and numeracy every day, where children engage in a variety of activities. We continue with our phonics scheme, "Floppy's Phonics", completing stages 5 and 6, and we use a high-quality reading scheme. A small class size ensures a high level of individual focus, and progress is closely monitored as a result.

Many IT resources are integrated into lessons. Laptops and LED Smartscreens with curriculum-related software are used constantly.

For the foundation areas of the curriculum, we use a two-year cycle of interesting and exciting topics, including dinosaurs and space. Topic work is enhanced by many trips to local places of interest and a myriad of visitors to the school.

Children continue to benefit from specialist teachers for French, Music and Games. We are lucky to have the use of Bushey Grove Leisure Centre for weekly gymnastic lessons and games lessons on the astroturf and tennis courts. We also have swimming lessons throughout the year.

Children can commence individual piano, flute and singing lessons in addition to learning musical instruments as part of the curriculum.





"Everyone is really
friendly and we all look
after each other"

Dara

Prep School Attenborough

Lower Key Stage 2-Years 3 & 4

In year 3, children are beginning to feel more grown up; they continue to be nurtured and closely guided by the class teacher. These are exciting times as pupils build on the skills learned so far and begin to apply them more widely across the curriculum.

Your child will be encouraged to become an independent learner; they will be given a timetable and will move into our purpose-built unit within our extensive grounds. Pupils receive structured homework, the content and length of which depends on their age and class. Parents can help their child's school life run smoothly by ensuring the homework diary is up to date and that the correct books, P.E. kit and other equipment are brought from home as required.

End-of-term concerts and plays enhance performing skills in addition to class assemblies and talent shows. Pupils continue to benefit from visitors to our School, including history and science workshops and wellbeing activities, as well as taking part in day trips which take advantage of our proximity to the capital and the Greater London area.

Pastoral care remains very strong; every child is valued and has something to offer our community. Each pupil grows in confidence, stamina and resilience to meet the new challenges their move to Attenborough brings.

"Longwood has been an environment where our children have thrived, and the staff are genuinely caring and kind. It's been really reassuring knowing that our children are well cared for, stimulated and given warm, nutritious meals throughout the day."

Niru R (Mother)



Prep School Old Park

Upper Key Stage 2-Years 5 & 6

By the time your child reaches the top of the school, they will have developed a sound work ethic with talents and abilities sharply focused. All year six pupils are given a position of leadership, whether that be on the school council or as a house captain or other prefect. We operate a 'buddy system' between pupils in Broadwater and Old Park.

Preparation is made for entrance examinations whether to well-respected local independent schools or the numerous excellent maintained schools in our area. We are proud of our 11+ success rate.

All children are given the opportunity to participate in residential visits to France and activity camps.

Longwood has the feel of a home, and the school community is a happy family, but as all parents know, children must fly the nest. The start given to your children at Longwood will stand them in good stead for their lives ahead. We follow their progress with keen interest and encourage you to keep in touch.



Wrap-Around Care

Children can attend Longwood between 7am and 7pm, Monday to Friday, throughout the year, except for bank holidays and two INSET days.

Before-school care is available from 7am. A light breakfast of toast and cereal is available until 8.20am.

After-school care is available until 7pm. Tea and a range of extra-curricular clubs are offered, some of which attract an additional fee.

Clubs include French, Drama, Art, Ballet, STEM, Computer, Quiz, Cricket, Football, Street Dance & Sports Clubs.

Clubs change from time to time according to demand.

Our Holiday Scheme is available from 7am to 7pm throughout the school holidays. We arrange a fun-filled variety of organised events and activities as well as outings, visitors and entertainers. The Holiday Scheme is open to children who attend Longwood School and there are limited spaces for children who attend other schools.

"My son started at Longwood School & Nursery at 9 months old, and we opted to stay at the school as we were very happy with every aspect. They have small classes, and the lessons are customised to suit the needs and abilities of every child. There are updates about what they do on a daily basis, and you can reach the teacher at all times. Longwood also has long opening hours and wrap-around care all year round, which is a huge plus for us. The school is like our family, and we highly recommend it."

MK (Mother)



"Reception children
have buddies from Year 6
They help and support us"

Megan



Location and Facilities

Longwood is easily accessible from Watford, Harrow, Hertsmere, St Albans and Dacorum.

The premises are spacious, bright and airy, containing a full range of stimulating educational and developmental equipment.

Outdoor canopies accompany most nursery groups and school classrooms, providing direct safe access for children to the outdoors. The school offers well-equipped classrooms and excellent teaching resources.

Expansive grounds include a large playground with a wooden train and play tables; a Log World climbing and activity centre; outside, soft play areas; a Secret Garden with a pond, a greenhouse, planters and seating; gardens; shady trees and grass areas.

Well-balanced, healthy meals are prepared on-site, and we cater for dietary requirements.

Adjacent to us is Bushey Grove Leisure Centre, which offers exceptional facilities to our school children, including swimming, gymnastics, football, netball, tennis and paddle-tennis.







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