GREENACRES ACADEMY

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PROSPECTUS

Welcome from the Principal

Welcome to our Academy. Our aim is to strive to develop your child's knowledge, skills and confidence within a stimulating and caring environment. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum that will encourage your child to become an independent learner.

As an Academy, we recognise the value of working in partnership with parents to help your child reach their full potential and enhance their learning. Our aim is to ensure that your child's experience at Landau Forte Academy Greenacres has a positive and lasting impact on the rest of their lives.

Landau Forte Academy Greenacres is situated in the old village of Amington adjacent to the village green. Greenacres Primary School opened in 1975 and became a Landau Forte Academy on 1 September 2013. The Academy has fourteen classrooms, two for each year group. The hall is a multi-use area used for assemblies, indoor PE, lunch and Academy events. We have well equipped outdoor play areas and a large playing field.

We have high expectations of all children at the Academy. We would like to assure you that we shall all do our utmost to help pupils enjoy their time with us and develop to their full potential.

Louise Bridge
Principal
Landau Forte Academy Greenacres

Landau Forte Charitable Trust

Landau Forte Academy Greenacres is a member of the family of schools operated by Landau Forte Charitable Trust. This is an educational charitable trust founded by Martin Landau and the Forte family over twenty years ago.

The Trust is now educating over 3,000 students across its six Academies consisting of two in the Primary sector, three 11 to 16 Academies, and a purpose built Post-16 Academy.

The Trust expects each of the Academies to provide a Landau Forte style of education, which is distinctive, high quality and critically releases the potential of each student, enabling them both individually and collectively to be the best that they can be.

Whilst the Academies each have their individual specialisms, the common expectation of high standards of learning, teaching, attainment and achievement are common.

Our Academy Aims

- To foster and develop a parental partnership in which parents are actively involved in the education of their children and in the life and work of the Academy.

- To provide all children and adults with a happy, secure and stimulating learning environment, where individual needs, talents and learning styles are identified, addressed and nurtured and in which all children and adults reach for their full potential.

- To promote all children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development within a caring community that celebrates diversity.

- To enable children and adults to develop a sense of self-worth and a sense of personal and collective achievement; to be independent and to take responsibility for their own actions.

Our Academy Values

We always try to provide each of our pupils, whatever their ability, with the best opportunities to develop their talents fully.

Our Academy Vision is; "Landau Forte Academy Greenacres is aiming to promote values and principles such as a love of school and learning, confidence, positive self-esteem and respect, which we believe will raise standards in the long term and create citizens of the future".

Organisation of Teaching Groups

The children are taught mainly in mixed ability classes and from Year 2 are split into ability groups for maths. Each year group is divided into two classes. In the Foundation Stage (for Reception children) the children are taught in an open plan area which consists of two classrooms and an enclosed outdoor area. In Early Years and in Key Stage One, class sizes will not exceed thirty pupils.

Curriculum

At our Academy we aim to provide an education that stimulates children's curiosity about the world around them, which challenges them to ask how, why and what things are. We aim to make the children's learning relevant to their lives in today's world and introduce them to a wide range of learning experiences.

Each child is valued as an individual. We cater for their differing rates of development and look for progression in the learning of every child, encouraging everyone to reach their full potential. Extra support is given to any child not attaining an appropriate level of learning. The basic skills of literacy and numeracy are vital and we place a strong emphasis on the development and use of these skills throughout the Academy. Much of the children's learning is delivered through a cross-curricular topic based approach. The topics are carefully planned to ensure that pupils cover all areas of the National Curriculum at an appropriate level.

Reporting & Assessment

We encourage and value the partnership we have with parents. Learning is most effective when we work together. Informal contact is daily and parents' evenings are planned to discuss progress and achievement. At the end of the academic year, a written report is sent home. During the year, staff continuously assess the children so they have a clear idea of progress, which enables new targets to be set. This gives the children steps to improve their work. A combination of teacher assessment and Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) in maths and English measure progress in Years 2 and 6 and their achievements are shared with parents. Children in Year 1 are tested on their phonic knowledge and the results are reported to the government.

Sport

Sport contributes to a healthy lifestyle. It is important because it can provide challenge and pleasure throughout life. Through sport, we aim to develop the children's perseverance, co-operation and fair play, as well as their ability to cope with success and failure. Offers of coaching by professional team players from local sports clubs are always welcome.

The Arts

The Arts are important for the children's cultural and spiritual development. Children are given the opportunity to perform, through participation in assemblies, dances, plays and concerts. Visits from artists, theatre groups and musicians are positively encouraged.

Homework

Homework is an important part of children's learning, and we ask that you encourage and support your child. Please take the time to listen to your child read regularly.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We offer a wide range of activities which aim to develop the children's skills, team work and enjoyment. The Academy operates a before and after hours club, that offers parents child care arrangements from 7:30am – 8:45am and 3:20pm – 6:00pm.

Hours of Academy Opening

The Academy opens at 8:45am and the children go straight to their classrooms to prepare for the start of the day.

	Foundation & Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Years 4. 5 & 6
Academy Day starts	8:55am	8:55am	8:55am	8:55am
Lunch	12:00 -12:45pm	12:15 -1:00pm	12:15 -1:00pm	12:30 -1:15pm
Academy Day ends	3:20pm	3:20pm	3:30pm	3:30pm

Positive Behaviour

At Landau Forte Academy Greenacres we have high expectations of behaviour. We aim to provide a pleasant, friendly and caring atmosphere within the Academy, which is supported by a policy which is firm but fair. The children are encouraged to develop self-discipline and the need to consider others. As an Academy, we recognise the importance of parental support in maintaining our high standards of behaviour.

Admission of Children

The Board of Governors of Landau Forte Academy Greenacres is the admissions authority.

The maximum number of children to be admitted into the Reception Year each September is 60. To apply for a place for your child, you should complete the application form sent out by Staffordshire County Council at the start of the Academic year prior to the intended September start date. This form asks you to state your preferred school. Please return this form as soon as possible.

Your child will start school in the September prior to their fifth birthday.

Transfer to Secondary School

Transfer to secondary school is carefully planned to help support your child. Children would normally transfer to the Landau Forte Academy Amington, or a variety of local secondary schools and you must complete the application form sent out by Staffordshire County Council.

Healthy Schools

At our Academy, we encourage the children to be healthy. Healthy snacks are available for purchase at break time or your child may bring in fruit or an alternative healthy snack. Our Academy meals are prepared and cooked on-site, a vegetarian option is available. Breakfast and lunch money is paid for using the Parent Pay cashless payment system. Your child may be eligible for free meals. Please ask for assistance in applying. Alternatively your child may bring a packed lunch and drink from home.

Children with Special Educational Needs

The Academy makes excellent provision for children with special educational needs. A specialist SEN co-ordinator is employed by the Academy to support children with specific needs.

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