

## ELONGATION

- Now the gastrula elongates in an antero-posterior direction.
  - The wide mouth of the archenteron gradually narrows into a triangular hole which is now situated at the posterior end of gastrula
  - This hole is known as **Blastopore**.
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- When the inner wall (hypoblast) of the gastrula touches the outer wall (epiblast), the original blastocoel disappears.
  - As the gastrula elongates, the blastopore gradually becomes smaller.
  - At this stage the gastrula is elongated structure with an upper flat surface and a lower ventrally bulging surface and is slightly compressed.

