



## #Team Moorside Parent Update 04.01.22

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year, we hope you have all had a restful break. As you will be aware from various news outlets, on Sunday 2nd January 2022, the government issued guidance to schools recommending that face coverings should be worn in secondary school classrooms when students return from the Christmas break. This guidance will remain in place until at least the last week of January. In line with the government guidance, we will be recommending that students follow this guidance and wear face coverings in the classroom and social areas. As a rule of thumb, students will be encouraged to wear masks when they are inside the school buildings. Of course, students will not need to wear masks when eating or drinking in the dining areas or in a wet weather venue. We will continue to re-iterate the need to wash and sanitise hands. We will go through the key points of this guidance with students during form time on the first day back - Thursday 6th January 2022.

In line with government guidance, as you are aware, we are carrying out onsite lateral flow testing Wednesday 5th January 2022. I would like to reiterate that the Government's COVID-19 lateral flow testing programme is voluntary, and it is not a requirement for returning to school. Those students that have consented to testing, should attend school on Wednesday 5th January at the following time:

- Year 11 08:45-09:45
- Year 10 09:45-10:45
- Year 9 11:00-12:00
- Year 8 12:00-13:00
- Year 7 13:45-14:45

As communicated prior to the break, all lessons on Wednesday 5th January are remote, and students have received the work from staff before the Christmas break. All students return to school, Thursday 6th January. Students should continue to test twice a week at home, test kits are available from the school reception. Should a positive result emerge then please contact the school via e-mail on [MHScovidresults@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHScovidresults@consilium-at.com)

You will be aware that the government has updated its guidance on self-isolation periods for people who contract covid-19. You can access the updated guidance in the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

You will appreciate that this is an evolving situation which requires us all to be as agile and flexible as possible. As we update and adapt our policies, we will keep you posted. I thank you in advance for your patience and support. We did our best before the Christmas Break to avoid sending Year Groups home when staffing was a challenge, and again we will do our utmost to avoid this where possible. If you have any questions or queries, then please do not hesitate to contact us via [MHInfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHInfo@consilium-at.com)

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the students back this week. Although we continue to face challenges surround Covid 19, this does not affect our high standards and expectations at Team Moorside.

We are extremely grateful to you, for ensuring students will return dressed smart and fully equipped for learning. If students do not return in correct uniform, for any reason, you will be contacted by your child's Head of Year where we will offer support in ensuring they have everything they need.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Ryles-Dean  
Head of School

## **New Year Expectations!**

New Year is always a great time to press the reset button and have a fresh start, we will be reminding students in the first few days of the term, how important it is to return to school with a positive attitude and ready to learn. It is imperative that students return in full school uniform, the correct shoes, not trainers, with a suitable school bag for their equipment, knowledge organiser, planner and reading book. A reminder of the school uniform requirements is at the end of this update. If you require any support in ensuring your child is fully prepared for school with the correct equipment/uniform, then please do contact their Head of Year. We will loan blazers, ties, school shoes and provide equipment if needed, however students will receive a consequence if this is repeated behaviour. If a student is persistently not ready to learn, we will arrange parental meetings to discuss the concerns and what support we can put in place to rectify this.

We have high expectations and standards at Moorside High School, and it is important that students realise that making good choices around positive behaviour for learning will be rewarded, whilst making poor choices will have consequences. Our behaviour for learning policy is one that allows students to be rewarded for doing the right thing, at the right time, in the right place and this term we want to have a real focus on positive behaviour. Our SIMS parent app provides you with the information around what Behaviour for Learning (BFL) grades your child has received during the day. Those students who receive a BFL Grade 1, are automatically rewarded with a House Point. The key message is that every lesson is a fresh start, with every student starting on a BFL Grade 2 our minimum expectation. It is then their choice, if they wish to work hard to receive a BFL1 or make the wrong choice and receive a BFL3 or 4 resulting in a consequence for their actions. More information around the BFL (behaviour for learning) Grade system can be found in our schools Behaviour Policy.

## **Year 11 Parents Evening**

Year 11 Parents Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 18th January 2022. The evening will be held remotely on school cloud, bookings will be open from 12noon on Friday 7th January 2022 and will close on Tuesday 18th January at 14:30. Further details will be circulated nearer the time and will be available on the school website.

## **Attendance & Punctuality Matters**

It is widely acknowledged that attendance has a direct impact upon achievement, success, and welfare. Strong evidence shows that where any individual students' attendance percentage is below 96% it will have a detrimental effect on their achievement, becoming increasingly damaging as their attendance percentage becomes lower. Non-attendance is one of the single biggest blocks to achievement and to the school carrying out its function in safeguarding the welfare of children. The following are all interconnected effects of absence from school that studies have shown any student is likely to experience owing to poor attendance: academic underachievement, difficulty making friends, loss of confidence and self-esteem. Therefore, our school attendance target is 96% as it helps to prevent the above negative effects and gives students the best opportunity to achieve, be happy and have better opportunities in the future. Every day counts and every minute is important, therefore, good punctuality at school is also essential for students to achieve their full educational potential and ensure there is no missed learning time. If students are late for school, you will receive a text to inform you and students will be required to attend an afterschool late detention for 20minutes. Punctuality is a vital life skill, and we want to support students in getting into good habits and arriving to school and lessons on time. All students should be onsite for 08:25 ready to attend form time at 08:30

To encourage good punctuality and attendance, our attendance leagues will be reset for this term. Students will be entered into a prize draw for 100% attendance and bonus house points will be awarded for good attendance/punctuality. If you need to report a student absence, or need support in getting your child into school, please contact our attendance officer via the absence line before 08:30 or by emailing [mhsabsence@consilium-at.com](mailto:mhsabsence@consilium-at.com) with an explanation and likely duration of absence. Parents must contact the school each morning that your

child is absent, unless we have a doctor's note for a longer-term illness. If we do not receive notification of your child's absence, then it will be recorded as unauthorised.

### Uniform Reminder

**Trousers, Skirts, Shirts, Socks/Tights:** Trousers must be black and tailored; school skirts should be plain Navy and no shorter than 3" above the knee, skirts should not be rolled up. Students should wear a white tailored school shirt with our school tie. Navy blue or black non-patterned tights or white ankle socks with skirts. Black ankle socks with trousers.

**Blazers:** These are compulsory and should always be worn, unless given permission from staff to remove. Students may wear an optional jumper, this must be a navy-blue sweater with the red stripe on the V-neck, purchased from our uniform supplier.

**School shoes:** Plain black sensible leather shoes (no logo), no canvas shoes, no trainer style shoes. See images below to support with the style and designs acceptable.

**Coats:** These must be dark in colour with no logos. Students are not allowed to wear coats in the building, if students have their coat on in the building, they will be asked to remove it and will be given a consequence. If this becomes a regular occurrence, the coat will be taken from them and returned at the end of the day. Please note that sports jackets, denim jackets and hoodies are not permitted, casual, hooded, and outdoor tops must not be worn under or over the blazer.

**School bag:** To ensure that a student is ready to learn, it is vital they have all the correct equipment. Students should have a suitable school bag that can hold their school planner, A4 knowledge organiser folder, pencil case with the correct equipment in along with a reading book and any subject books/folders required.

**Jewellery:** Jewellery of any description is not encouraged and is not practical for many reasons. One pair of small, plain stud earrings in the ear lobe and a watch are the only items allowed. All Jewellery must be removed for PE activities and is brought into school entirely at the student's own risk. Nose studs and all other types of piercing are not allowed. Students will be required to remove any items of jewellery which contravenes this code.

**Make Up:** Make up of any description is discouraged. Students will be required to remove any excessive make up or false eye lashes. Nail varnish/Gel/Acrylic/False nails are not allowed.

We are very proud of our school and of our students. We believe that high standards of uniform, behaviour, being properly equipped and attending regularly give each one of them the very best chance of learning well and achieving their full potential. Any student arriving to school without the correct uniform will be spoken to and offered the correct uniform, a consequence will be given. We should stress that this is absolutely the last thing we want as a school. Students who dress smartly and correctly will be recognised and rewarded.

#### Suitable School Shoes & Bags



#### Unsuitable School Shoes & Bags



## Dates for your Diary

- 5th January 2022 - Lateral Flow Testing Day for students
- 6th January 2022 - All students return to school 08:30am
- 18th January 2022 - Year 11 Parents Evening
- 21st January 2022 - Year 11 Mock interview day
- 8th February 2022 - Year 9 Options Evening
- 15th February 2022 - Year 9 Parents Evening
- 17th February 2022 - School closes to students for February half term
- 18th February 2022 - Staff Inset Day
- 28th February 2022 - School reopens 08:30am
- W/C 28th February 2022 - KS4 Assessment Window

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