Moorside High School

18th November 2027

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, the highly anticipated video game Grand Theft Auto VI (GTA 6) is scheduled for release at midnight on Thursday 19th November 2026.

There has been significant coverage in the national press surrounding the release of this game, with reports highlighting the potential for increased absence from workplaces. There is also a concern that the popularity of the game could have a negative impact on school attendance and punctuality, with young people potentially staying up late or wanting to remain at home to play the game.

As a school, we are keen to take a proactive approach and work collaboratively with families to ensure that the release of this game does not disrupt students' education, attendance or wellbeing.
We would therefore appreciate your support in ensuring that:

- Age restrictions are respected and children are not exposed to inappropriate gaming content. The Grand Theft Auto series is designed for an adult audience.
- Appropriate boundaries are in place regarding gaming and screen time.
- Children maintain their normal bedtime routines and get sufficient sleep.
- All students attend school as normal, arriving on site by 8:25am, particularly on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th November.

We would like to remind parents and carers that the release of a video game, or tiredness resulting from staying up late to play a game, is not an acceptable reason for absence from school. Any absence for these reasons will be recorded as unauthorised.

At Moorside High School, we continue to promote the importance of excellent attendance, with an expectation that all students achieve an attendance percentage of 96% or above. There is a strong correlation between good school attendance and positive academic outcomes, and every day in school provides valuable opportunities for learning and personal development.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards of attendance and ensuring that every student has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Kind Regards

Mr Thompson

Vice Principal