

Easter End of Term Letter

Tuesday 30th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I want to sincerely thank you for your support and engagement over the last few months. This has not been an easy time for any of us, but by working together, we have ensured we have provided a good quality remote education and also supported a smooth transition back to school. I want to state this has taken a team approach which demonstrates our TEAM Moorside culture and our wider school values of Consideration, Aspiration, Resilience and Equality (C.A.R.E).

At 14:55 on Wednesday 31st March Moorside High School will finish for the Easter school holidays. School Reception will be open between 09:00 & 12:00 each day should you need to contact the school. Please note; this does not include bank holidays.

Year 11 parents and carers; Miss Smalley (Deputy Headteacher) will be sending a separate communication update with regards to the summer Teacher Assessed Grades.

Over the next few pages I have provided updates in several areas.

Please may I take this opportunity to thank you again and wish you a happy Easter break when it comes.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Davis
Headteacher



The School Day

Following the Easter break we will be reverting back to our normal school day. This will support us in again raising the standard of Quality of Education by minimising the disruption to lessons.

Please note; this will see the removal of split breaktime and split lunch time. I do want you to be reassured that students in different bubbles will still have different zones for these times.

08:25: Gates close

- 08:30 - 08:50: Form time/Assembly
- 08:50 - 09:50: Period 1
- 09:50 - 10:50: Period 2

10:50 - 11:05: Break(students have different zones)

- 11:05 - 12:05: Period 3
- 12:05 - 13:05: Period 4

13:05 - 13:55: Lunch

- 13:05-13:30: Year 8/10/7
- 13:30 -13:55: Year 11/9 (These year groups to have social time/revision first)

13:55 - 14:55: Period 5

End of the School Day

Year 11 students will be trialling our new pre-order system which we hope will speed up the lunch process allowing greater social time or very importantly attendance at revision sessions.

School Attendance

Attendance at school is mandatory for all pupils from 8th March.

The usual rules on school attendance apply, including

- parents' duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age)
- the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, in line with local authorities' codes of conduct, at Moorside High School we will be working hard to again promote our rewards policy and encourage this to support parents and carers in having very good attendance.

If your child cannot attend school please email Attendance@Moorsidehigh.com this will go straight to our School Attendance Manager Mrs Jones.

It is extremely important that students also arrive on time.

Pastoral Team Update

As a Pastoral Team we would like to thank you for your continued support with the process of emerging from lockdown and getting all our students back into school life. We have been so proud of their efforts and their resilience to what has been a very difficult time. As we continue to work towards operating 'normally' can we take this opportunity to remind you that the flexible arrangements around dress code that were in place when only a few students attended during lockdown and also upon our return due to many shops still being closed, will cease when we return after Easter.

Our expectation is that all students will attend in full school uniform from Monday 19th April 2021. We have spoken to our uniform suppliers and although their doors will not open until the 12th April parents are able to access the shop online and place orders. Staff at Whittakers are all in and working behind the scenes. Should your child require new uniform, the website to order is whittakersschoolwear.co.uk or alternatively, apart from a few items including our PE kit, tie and blazer, many other items can be sourced cheaply in the larger supermarkets. Before you embark on purchasing new uniform, please can we take this opportunity to remind you of some key parts of our policy. The intention of this is to avoid unnecessary confrontations when students return to school after Easter not dressed in accordance with school uniform policy.

Trousers, Skirts, Shirts, Socks/Tights: Trousers must be black for boys, navy blue for girls and tailored; school skirts should be plain navy and no shorter than 3" above the knee. Students should wear a white tailored school shirt with our school tie. For girls, navy blue or black non-patterned tights or white ankle socks. For boys, black ankle socks.

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. School shoes are particularly expensive, but we have had issues this year with parents spending a lot of money on footwear which clearly does not take note of the above information. We would very much like to avoid this as it puts the school at odds with the student which is not what any of us would wish for and is a negative start to the school day for all concerned. The local Clarks Shoe Shop in the Trafford Centre are nearing reopening. They are trying to reach out to every parent or carer who will require some help in fitting their children for new school shoes. You can contact the store online and book an appointment which will help manage the queues.

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 the blazer.

School bag: In order to ensure that a student is ready to learn, it is vital they have all the correct equipment. Students should have their school planner with them and out in every lesson. It is vital therefore that they have a sensible school bag. Far too many students are either not bringing a bag or are using a shoulder strap small handbag. This is not acceptable and students will receive a consequence if they do not have a suitable bag that can hold all their equipment, planner and books.

Jewellery: Jewellery of any description is not encouraged and is not practical for many reasons. One pair of small, plain gold / silver stud earrings 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; they will be confiscated until parents collect them from school. If you do decide to allow your child to have additional piercings please ensure that they are removed for school.

Make Up: Make up of any description is discouraged. Students will be required to remove any excessive make up. Nail varnish is not allowed. False nails are not allowed.

Further details about our uniform can be found on the school website, at the moment, it is also important to point out that as part of the uniform list, a mask is required:

https://www.moorsidehigh.co.uk/docs/Uniform_2013-2014/uniform_page.pdf

We are very proud of our school and of our students and believe that high standards of uniform, behaviour, being properly equipped and attending regularly give each and every one of them the very best chance of learning well and achieving their full potential.

Any student arriving to school after Easter without the correct uniform will be challenged and a sanction imposed, again, 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.

It is really important that we now provide more structure and support to enable positive learning in school to take place without any distractions after a long period of lockdowns and uncertainty. When we all work together, the likelihood for student success and achievement is increased and that is what we all want as a community of staff, parents, and students. Any family will concerns linked to this information should contact the Head of Year in the first instance.

Thank you all very much in advance of your anticipated support and understanding.

School Laptops

Many families were fortunate to receive a school laptop during the recent lockdown and from the feedback we have received the laptops have been very useful.

Given we are now back in school these laptops need to be returned to school by no later than 12:00pm on Friday 16th April 2021. Please can these be dropped off at reception where they will need to be signed back in.

Home Covid-19 Testing

Firstly, I want to state that the students were fantastic with regards to the testing. Students have acted with incredible maturity.

As we have now moved to home testing these should be conducted on a Monday and a Thursday with results reported to school straight away via covidresults@moorsidehigh.com

Given the Easter break we would still like students to carry out the testing.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are excited to announce we have a vacancy within our Local Governing Board for a parent/carer at school. If you wish to express your interest please email Pauline.Trueman@moorsidehigh.com

We will close the expression of interest window at 09:00 on Tuesday 20th April 2021.

Please note if there is more than one expression we will go to a parent election.

Rebranding and Website

As many of you will be aware, we are currently in the process of rebranding our school. This will mean a new logo, website and being closely aligned with the rest of the Consilium Academies' schools.

The purpose of this rebrand is to not detract away from the individual personality of our school, but instead develop a common theme and brand which is easily identifiable to our communities. We want to ensure anyone looking at our school can easily pinpoint it as being part of the Consilium Academies Trust. So, although our image may be changing, we will firmly remain our own entity within the Trust and continue to value our unique personality. Instead, this rebrand signals the next stage of our school to be more collaborative in order to provide the best opportunities for both students and colleagues. It also signals a period for us which is both exciting and challenging but I truly believe we are making fantastic progress and I am proud of the achievements we have already made.

Following the Easter break, the new website will go live, along with the new logo. This new logo will be used on any form of digital communication from Easter and physical signage around school will be changed over the Summer break. Uniforms will be changed over a phased approach with the Sept 2022 cohort being the first to wear the new logos.

We have consulted our stakeholders throughout this process to ensure our new logo is representative of us, our values, and the communities we serve. I'm excited to launch the new vision for our school and hope you welcome this new logo with openness and love it just as much as I do.

Uniform List

All pupils are expected to wear school uniform which can easily be purchased from Whittakers of Swinton, swinton-orders@whittakersschoolwear.co.uk or direct from Trutex via a catalogue at www.trutex.com

Boys and Girls compulsory

- School blazer with school logo to breast pocket
- White shirt
- School tie
- Black leather shoes (laces for boys)
- Outdoor coat—dark colour without large logos Optional
- V-neck navy blue sweater with red stripe on the V-neck
- Navy blue skirt— of a style and length suitable for school
- Navy blue tailored girl's trousers or Black boy's trousers
- Navy blue or black tights or white ankle socks



PE Kit - The PE kit is only available from Whittakers of Swinton.

Boys

- Navy blue polo shirt with white piping and school logo
- Navy blue shorts with school logo
- Navy blue reversible rugby shirt with school logo
- Navy blue knee length socks with white turnover and school logo



Girls

- Navy blue polo shirt with white piping and school logo
- Navy blue shorts or skirt with school logo
- Navy blue knee length socks with white turnover and school logo
- Navy blue with white piping fleece with school logo Optional
- Navy blue tracksuit bottoms

All pupils must have a suitable traditional rucksack, satchel, portfolio bag. School bags must be able to fit in an A4 folder and fasten shut/zip up. Fashion bags are not appropriate for school.

Suitable School Shoes & Bags



Unsuitable School Shoes & Bags

