

Wednesday 12th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the Government announcement on Monday 10th May 2021, I thought it would be appropriate to write and share some further school-based information.

As you may be aware, face masks are no longer mandatory for students from Monday 17th May 2021. As a school we believe this will support us even further as we push to raise educational standards. Please note staff will still be required to wear a face covering where social distancing isn't possible. The Department for Education have been very clear that face coverings may come back in use should our community infection rates rise yet again.

Over recent weeks we have started to raise the expectation with regards to our uniform policy and general expectations of students modelling social responsibility. Further details can be found on the following pages but I would like thank you in advance for your support on this aspect of school improvement.

Safeguarding

The Easter break was a time and an opportunity for us to change several roles within our school staffing structure. As a result of these changes, Mr Webb (Assistant Headteacher) is now the Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mr Webb is firmly supported by a team of trained staff, both teaching and non-teaching to ensure that any concerns can be dealt with swiftly. Students, parents and carers can make us aware of any concerns via contacting school or visiting the SHARP system on our school website. Please know that safeguarding does also include sharing details around mental health and wellbeing. Our previous Designated Safeguarding Lead Miss Cox has moved into our SEND Department to add further capacity to the Leadership and Management in this area.

As stated above, further updates are on the following pages.

Please may I take this opportunity to thank you again for your support to date.

Yours faithfully,



Mr C Davis

Headteacher

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The School Day

08:20: Pupils to arrive at school

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

The school will still be following a one way system for the foreseeable future.

School Attendance

Attendance at school is mandatory for all pupils

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 Johanna Jones

School Uniform

The DFE have confirmed that school should uphold the standards in accordance with the school uniform policy. Please see supporting details of this below.

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. 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.

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.

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.

Jewellery: Jewellery of any description is not encouraged and is not practical for many reasons. One pair of small, plain stud or sleeper size 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

School Laptops

Thank you to many families that have returned school laptops which were used during the National Lockdown. Those families that haven't met the deadline which was previously communicated should know these are now overdue.

Please can the laptops be dropped off at reception where they will need to be signed back in ASAP. These resources will be used to support our IT provision across school.

Home Covid-19 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

If you want your child to begin this process please contact reception.

Rebranding and Website

Following a few questions since my last letter I wanted to confirm that we are not too far away from getting our new website. Last week I received a draft version and I am very excited about how this should improve interaction between school and home, and school and our wider community.

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

