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Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope this letter finds you and your families all well. As we approach the summer holidays I just wanted to make you aware of the arrangements that are underway for September. If there are any changes to these arrangements based on Government advice we will write to you during the summer break.

The arrangements for September are based around the DFE guidance for full opening of schools which can be found on the DFE website. Please be aware that our Risk Assessment, Behaviour and Attendance policies will all be updated for September to address the changes in Government advice and will be available on our website prior to the start of term.

We are very much looking forward to the pupils returning to school and have appreciated all their hard work and your support. As you can appreciate, like all sectors, we have to do things differently from September in terms of how we deliver the curriculum and the need for increased cleaning, regular washing of hands and the running of the school day to ensure that everyone is kept safe. All of these changes will be discussed with students in their form groups on their first day back on **Wednesday 2 September**.

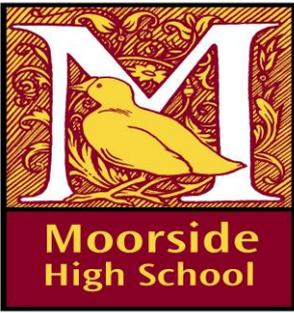
It is our intention to run our normal timetable from September so children experience the broad and balanced curriculum that enables them to progress. **However, each year group will have to be taught in a separate part of the school in year group bubbles** and, therefore, they will not have access to specialised rooms we would offer in normal circumstances. This is because the Government is clear that to reopen schools, year groups have to be kept in bubbles and these year group bubbles cannot mix at any point in the school day. As such, it is vital that all pupils have all equipment with them each day such as a scientific calculator, maths set, pencil crayons and fully stocked pencil case, including a green pen. This is because we cannot share equipment between year group bubbles.

It is our intention that:-

On the First Day back students will be met at the gates and directed to a specific zone in the school ie Year 7 main hall, Year 8 Zone C (KS4 yard), Year 9 Zone A (Astro), Year 10 Zone B (KS3 Yard) and Year 11 Dining Room. They will be encouraged to social distance at all times.

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To help us manage this new routine for the **First Day only** we are going to stagger the day start times as follows:

Year group	Arrival in school	Meeting point	Entrance	Entrance to school
Year 7	8.30 -8.45am	Main hall	Main entrance	Reception doors
Year 11	8.30 -8.45am	Dining Room	Main entrance	Via IT4
Year 9	8.30 -8.45am	Zone A Astro	Cellarhead entrance	Huts 1-6
Year 10	9.00-9.15am	Zone B KS3 Yard	Main entrance	Door B and C in new block
Year 8	9.00-9.15am	Zone C KS4 Yard	Cellarhead entrance	From Yard

**After the First day** it will be usual start time of 8.45am but year groups must use the entrances listed above to ease the flow of students around site and to maintain the bubbles.

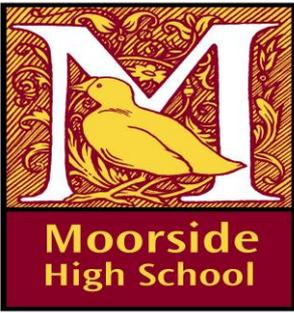
Can I remind students to maintain social distancing on the way to and from school as well as in school.

We expect students to be wearing full uniform. If your child wears a mask to school they will be asked to remove the mask when they get to school and they must have a separate bag to store the mask in during the day. (This could be reviewed in light of Government policy changes, but is accurate at present). We will be instructing students on how to remove the masks to ensure they do not touch their face at any time.

**In line with Government recommendations we encourage students to walk or cycle to school.** Travelling by public transport is not encouraged but if your child has to catch a bus they must wear a mask and follow the guidance of the bus company. As usual Copelands will provide a coach service from Meir and Weston Coyney. However, we have yet to receive information from the Department of Transport about how many students can travel on each coach. If your child has no alternative and has to travel by coach they must wear a face mask which must stay on at all times and they must abide by the rules of the coach company for hand sanitation and seat allocation. Your child must catch the same coach each day. Years 8 and 10 will be coach A and Years 9 and 11 coach B, but this will be confirmed closer to the time. We are awaiting confirmation of numbers for Year 7.

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Unfortunately there will be no breakfast club in the dining room and there will be no food served at breaktime. We will be operating a one year group at a time rota at lunchtime and there will be cold and some hot food available. Students will be asked to complete a lunch request in the morning so the food is ready for them at lunchtime. We will continue to use cashless catering where your child's order will be processed and charged to the account before lunchtime. It is important the pupils bring drinks with them as access to this outside of the lunchbreak will not always be possible.

It is important that we support our students on return to school and we will be discussing their well-being and how they can access support in their form tutor sessions in the first half term. I think in the first instance they will all be very happy to see their friends again. As a school we have plans in place to make up for lost time, however, we will need to know that your child can access Microsoft TEAMS in the future. TEAMS will both support their learning in school and be a platform for delivery of all lessons in the future if there was a future lockdown. We will conduct a survey with students and parents in the first week back to establish that all students have computer and internet access. To support Year 11 we intend to start the Period 6 lessons the second week back and all students are expected to attend. We have done this for a number of years but this period is more important than ever. Period 6 will finish at 4.30pm.

All schools will have to sign up to **NHS Track and Trace** and we will be in regular contact with both Public Health England and the Local Authority for advice. It is important that your contact details for you and your child are up to date so please contact school if these details have changed. Can I just remind parents that if your child show the symptoms of continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia) they must stay at home they should self- isolate for 7 days and should arrange for a test.

This has been a difficult time for all of us and I know we are all looking forward to some resemblance of normality in September. We look forward to welcoming your children back to school in September and I look forward to seeing students engage in interesting and engaging teaching as soon as they get back. I know some parents have requested work for the summer and this can be found on the school website as 'Summer Extension Work' from the end of this week.

Please have a good summer and thank you for your support. Stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

