



# Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership

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Dear Parent and Carers

I am writing to you once again with updates following the most recent government announcements for school and Covid-19 regulations.

From **Monday 17th May**, face coverings will no longer be recommended for use in schools. This means that children will no longer be required to wear a face covering during school time and staff can now remove face coverings whilst in classroom settings. However, please note that face coverings remain a recommendation for staff/visitors whilst moving around and in communal areas. They also remain a requirement on school and public transport. **We would also ask parents and carers to continue wearing face coverings when they are on school sites, including when they drop off and collect children.**

The long-standing advice for regular hand-washing and the use of hand sanitiser is still in place and will continue to be a requirement of all children, staff and visitors throughout the school day. Children should also not attend school if they have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Secondary schools may now choose to allow youngsters to move between classrooms to access specialist rooms. School trips are also permitted from the Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, including overnight educational visits. A number of Trust schools have residential visits planned for Term 6 and these can now take place as arranged, provided pupils remain in bubbles and other safety requirements are met.

Indoor sports activities including swimming, can now resume and after school extra-curricular activities can also take place. Wrap-around care in schools can also resume fully. Competitive sport can take place between schools, provided the relevant sporting governing body has developed sufficient guidelines to ensure the safety of participants.

Year 11 and Year 13 pupils are in the middle of assessments which will contribute towards their final examination results. It is important that pupils continue to work hard for these assessment until the end of Term 5, so that we can evidence their attainment to examination boards. Examination results for these year groups will be issued by exam boards on the following dates:

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August for AS/A Levels/Level 3 vocational subjects.
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August for GCSE/Level 2 vocational subjects.

Secondary schools in the Trust will provide support and learning where appropriate for Year 11 pupils in Term 6, which may be delivered on site in schools or remotely. This will be a combination of the following provision:

- Sixth Form induction.
- Support with applications to colleges and apprenticeships.
- Additional learning.

All schools in the Trust have already reverted back to their uniform policy and this will continue to be the expectation from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Some schools may also decide to begin using changing facilities for PE in order to establish routines and expectations, for what we hope will be a more settled academic year from September.





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In other news, I am delighted to announce that Emma Yates, the current Headteacher at Hayesfield Girls' School in Bath, has been appointed as the Deputy CEO for the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership Trust. Emma will continue to have oversight of Hayesfield and will also be working to establish a 'hub' of schools in the City of Bath. This 'hub' will include Beechen Cliff, Hayesfield and St Mark's initially and its key aim is to ensure that all pupils receive a good or better education across the city.

Duncan Powell has been appointed as the Trust Professional Development Co-ordinator, but also remains a Deputy Headteacher at Hayesfield Girls' School. Duncan will be leading our professional development and training courses for teaching staff, to ensure that we continue to provide the best possible education for children across all schools.

Finally, a number of schools have new Headteachers starting in Term 6 or from September:

- Philip White has been appointed as the Head of School at Hayesfield Girls' School (in post).
- Keith Howard has been appointed as the Headteacher of Writhlington School (Term 6).
- Lynda Bevan has been appointed as the Headteacher of St Dunstan's School (Term 6).
- Tim Markall has been appointed as the Headteacher of Beechen Cliff (September).

Once again I thank you for your continued support and I will write to you again in Term 6 with further Trust updates and no doubt, other COVID-19 related issues.

Yours sincerely

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