

15<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Ref: CH/LK

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of the academic year I wanted to clarify the arrangements for the last day of term and look ahead to the new academic year.

School closes at 12 noon on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July for the summer break; students should attend on this day in their normal school uniform.

School re-opens on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September for Years 7 and 11 only, with normal start and finish times (8.40 am-3.10 pm). School is fully open for all year groups from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Term dates for next year can be found on the school website.

As we move into the new academic year there are some small changes that students will need to be aware of. In order to ensure a fair allocation of resources, we have planned a 2-week timetable in line with most other schools. This means that the lessons planned in week A won't necessarily be the same as those planned in week B. Students will need to ensure they carry a timetable with them to alleviate any confusion, and tutors will have a year group timetable available to share with their students each day. Additionally, we are moving away from a split lunch to one single 45-minute lunch; a rota will be in place for each year group to enter the dining room and we will work to improve the efficiency of this to ensure all students are served quickly. A single lunch will provide more social time for students and provide opportunity for enrichment activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of our expectations around uniform and standards of personal presentation. The full uniform list has been attached with this letter, including the PE kit, and an overview of the rules in relation to make-up, jewellery etc. There are no significant changes here; we have added in unbranded navy-blue leggings/tracksuit pants and a hoodie 1/4 zip top to the PE kit after feedback from students. However, I have observed a significant number of students wearing incorrect PE kit, branded tracksuits and outfits, and sportswear over their kit or uniform in the weeks I have been in post. From September, we will be fully enforcing our expected standard of uniform and kit. Students who do not have the correct uniform or kit will be expected to return home to change, have correct items brought to school to change into, or will be provided with clean spares where this is available/appropriate. All items on the uniform/kit list can be purchased from our suppliers including the navy leggings and tracksuit pants. However, alternate unbranded items in the correct colours can be purchased cheaply from high street stores. I would very much appreciate and value your support in ensuring your child/ren have the correct items and are wearing these appropriately and with pride.

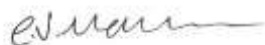
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To support the increasing cost of uniform and PE kit, we have a pre-loved selection available in school, which can be collected during the summer break. Details of the dates and times you may come to school will be sent out in due course, and will be publicised on social media. If any families have items to donate, please drop these into reception - all very gratefully received.

Parents who have children in Litherland Moss Primary School will be aware that they are increasing their school hours in line with other schools. This means that their drop off time will be 8.30 am and pick up at 3 pm. This is likely to cause increased congestion around 8.30 am on Sterrix Lane and especially on the school car park. I would ask that you consider dropping children a little earlier than 8.30 am, or drop off a short distance from school and allowing children to walk/use other modes of transport if they are able. Congestion in the car park has caused minor accidents and damage to cars of both parents and staff, and of course we have to consider the safety of the children as they arrive and depart from school.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few weeks as Principal of Litherland High School and whilst I understand that periods of change such as this can cause some anxieties, I hope that I have reassured the students of my very best intentions. I am looking forward to the new academic year and getting to know the school and the community better. Have a lovely, restful summer.

Yours faithfully



Mrs C. Hallwood  
Principal