

Summer Term Update 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you all for your continued support throughout this most challenging of years at Moor Park. This letter contains important information about recent events and key changes from Monday 17 May onwards.

Ransomware Attack

As you will all know, the school suffered a ransomware attack on its computer network last Tuesday. We did not enter negotiations with the cyber criminals and instead disabled the network and cleaned every computer in the school. This resulted in the school having no access to IT for the majority of last week. I am pleased to report that the school network was up and running again on Friday and by the end of this week normal service will be resumed throughout the school.

We are aware that some data has been taken by the attackers, but early indication is that this data was not sensitive or confidential and it has not been published. We will of course inform you if this changes, but I am sure that the swift response of our ICT team ensured that the damage to the network was minimal.

Wearing of Face Coverings

Neither students nor staff will have to wear masks in classrooms from 17 May. In addition, students will not need them in communal areas, although they are still recommended for staff and visitors when social distancing is not possible.

Changes after Half Term

After half term we will be reverting to our normal school day. Lunch for all students will begin at 1pm and tutor time will be reinstated at the beginning of the school day. Student movement will still be controlled by the tannoy, allowing students to remain in their year group bubbles whilst they are in the school building.

After half term we will ask students to come to school in full school uniform on their PE days, they will need to bring their PE kit with them to school and get changed in the changing rooms. With hot weather approaching, the ability to change out of sweaty PE kit will be welcome for students and staff.

Year 11 and Year 13 Leaving

Department for Education statutory guidance is that Year 11 students will leave school and be taken off roll after Friday 25 June. In line with this, all Preston schools have agreed that provision after Friday 28 May will be accessed remotely and will focus on preparation for the next phase of your child's education. A 3-week transition programme has been shared with your child via Microsoft Teams today and is also available [HERE](#). This programme prepares students in both Year 11 and Year 13 for life after Moor Park and includes a mix of

independent study, virtual presentations and in person sessions for those that need it. Students will be able to register their interest for the in-school sessions on Microsoft Teams from Friday 21 May.

Year 10 Parents Evening 24 May 3.45pm-8pm

Can I remind Year 10 parents that there will be a virtual parents evening on Monday 24 May. This will be our third virtual parents' event and I hope that you find it useful and informative. A link has been sent to you via our Parent App and you can also book appointments via the link on our school website homepage or by clicking [here](#).

Finally I'd just like to thank you all again for your continued support, it has been a challenging year but the support of parents and the community and your good sense and understanding have made it easier than it may have otherwise been. I hope that this summer sees some fun return to all our lives. Keep safe and well!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr B. Corbett', written in a cursive style.

Mr B. Corbett
Headteacher