

18th July 2023

Parent Update for September 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope that you are all safe and well. After another successful and busy year, we have finally reached the end of the summer term!

Staffing Updates

We have a few changes to our staffing from September. As you will already be aware, I have made the decision to secure another headship that is much closer to home. Once again, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support and commitment to our academy. I feel truly honoured to have been part of such an incredible journey! Mr Duncan will take on the new headship and has already spent time in school getting to know the staff and children.

After twelve years of commitment and hard work at Morley Place, our Assistant Principal, Mrs Griffiths, will sadly be leaving us at the end of this academic year as she starts a new role in another Delta Academy. She will be sadly missed but we know that she will continue to do an amazing job!

Mrs Wright has made the decision to take up a permanent position at another Delta academy. Her commitment to Morley Place has been nothing short of incredible over the years and again, will be sadly missed. We wish her every success in the next stage of her career.

Miss Bramhald will be starting maternity leave at the beginning of September. We wish her and her family all the best!

In light of the recent changes, we are delighted to tell you that Mrs Summers has been appointed as our Assistant Principal and year 5 class teacher. She comes from another Delta academy as Assistant Principal and will bring a wealth of experience with her. The staff are really looking forward to working with such a fantastic team in September.

Start of Autumn Term 2023-24

Our academy re-opens to pupils after the summer break on **Tuesday, 5th September 2023**

The Academy Day

Our day runs from **8.30am** to **2.50pm**. Pupils will be dropped off at either the top or bottom gate from **8.25am** where a member of staff will greet them. The children will make their way round to their classroom. Adults will be around to show children where to go. The gates will be locked by **8.35am**. If your child arrives after this time, they will need to come through the main entrance at the front of the school where they will be marked as late. **Please note that lessons start at 8:30am!**

The school gates will be unlocked at **2.45pm** and you may wait to collect your child on the field around either the upper or lower school playground. Please wait near the sign for your child's class. Children will be released at **2.50pm**. The adults will bring the children out onto the playground and let them go when they can see who is collecting them. If children are walking home, they will be allowed to leave

as usual. **Can we please ask that you wait for child to be sent to you and do not come onto the playground to collect them, as this can cause confusion for the adult who is releasing them.**

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club can be booked through the MyChildAtSchool app (MCAS) and is charged at £2.50 per day.

Lunchtime Arrangements

Lunchtimes will be either 11:45am-12:30pm or 12:00pm-12:45pm and will alternate each day.

Children have an option of school dinners or they can bring their own packed-lunch from home. Academy dinners are just £2.50 per day (£12.50 per week). Payment is due a minimum week in advance, each Monday morning, via MyChildAtSchool app (MCAS). Menus will be displayed weekly in the main entrance and classrooms with a variety of choices each day. Our menus are also available to download on the school website.

Uniform

Academy guidelines:

- **Plain white shirt/blouse/polo-shirt**
- **Royal Blue jumper/cardigan**
- **Black/Grey trousers (not leggings)/pinafore dress/skirt/shorts (not PE shorts or cycling shorts) or blue checked dress (summer term only)**
- **White, black or grey socks**
- **Plain, all black shoes**

Uniform is an important part of our academy identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps pupils to feel pride in their school. Uniform is available online at www.sptuniforms.co.uk Just follow the instructions from the home page to register for an account (if not already set up) & click to select our academy from the 'primary school' tab. Alternatively, you can purchase uniform from a number of supermarkets.

The expectation is that all our children are in the correct uniform and that a note is provided from home on any occasion when they are not able to do so. Please may we also ask that children's names are written in all clothing. ***Please note that we will be contacting parents or carers if a child comes to school in the incorrect uniform, and we have not received any communication about this.***

P.E Kit

This should remain in the academy **Monday to Friday** to be taken home and washed over a weekend. Our P.E kit consists of the following:

- **Plain white t-shirt and black shorts, with plimsolls or trainers (suitable for outdoor games). A plain tracksuit/sweatshirt/joggers or leggings may also be needed for the winter months. *Please ensure your child wears the correct kit for P.E lessons. Children who do not bring a PE kit will be given a spare kit to wear (if available) or they will not be able to take part in the lesson. Parents will be contacted if a child forgets their kit on two or more occasions.***

Academy Contact

All form of communication (including letters, updates etc) will be through the MyChildAtSchool app (MCAS) through texts and emails. ***Please make sure we always have your most up to date contact details so we are able to maintain communication with you.*** There may be some occasions where your child brings a letter home that requires written permission from you as well. You will also be able to see academy updates and events though our Twitter page (@MorleyPlace). For enquiries, direct

contact can be made with us on our main number of 01709 302340. Enquiries can also be emailed to info@morleyplace.org.uk

On behalf of all of the Morley Place staff team, I would like to express our thanks and gratitude for your ongoing support during this last year. We have been overwhelmed by the positive feedback we have received from families. The way in which you and the children continue to support our academy is simply wonderful, and for that, we are extremely grateful. Those efforts, alongside those of the staff team has made me, yet again, exceptionally proud to have been the Head of Academy at Morley Place!

Our best wishes for a restful and enjoyable summer.

We look forward to welcoming you back in September!

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L. Penny
Head of Academy