



14th July 2023

Dear Parents and carers,

We are one week away from finishing the academic year and I would like to thank you for all of your support in my first year as Principal at Forest Moor School. When I reflect on when I first arrived at the school in January 2022 as a supportive measure from the Trust and then look at the school now, I hope you will agree with me that it is essentially a completely different school.

This year the students have been able to access a fit for purpose specialist SEMH curriculum, build strong and sustainable attachments to key staff, and be able to experience success on a daily basis. We are very proud of the progress all students have made this year and we will continue to build on this from the start of next academic year.

Today is the final day of the Great Yorkshire Show and our students have been able to attend this event and gain a fantastic cultural experience that reflects their local area. We will continue to send all classes to this show next year as it has been great to hear the positive feedback from all who attended.

As we look to next year there are some key dates and information that I would like to share with you. Next year we move to a new uniform policy, any old uniform is still fine to wear if students choose to do so, below is an extract of our Behaviour & Relationship policy and upon return next year, all students will be issued with a branded hoodie funded by school.

### **Uniform**

At Forest Moor, we want to remove as many barriers to learning as possible. This includes the use of a school uniform. At Forest Moor we encourage students to wear the uniform provided (badged hooded jumper or badged V- neck jumper).

However, Forest Moor understands that due to sensory processing difficulties some students may choose to wear appropriate clothing that meets those sensory needs.

BELOW IS A NON-EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF APPROPRIATE CLOTHING:

- Back or dark trainers or shoes (wellington boots if required)
- Plain black/grey or dark jogging bottoms, trousers or shorts
- T-shirt or appropriate jumper  
Coat for outdoor activities
- We would encourage students to wear clothes that cater to the weather as school can become hot in the summer and cold in the winter.

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING IS NOT:

- Steel toe cap boots or similar
- 'Mallet' branded trainers or other shoes that cause damage to the school floors
- Short t-shirts that reveal the torso  
Clothes with inappropriate or offensive logos

For more information please see our Behaviour & Relationship Policy.

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Our policy does not cover hairstyles or hair colour as we would encourage our students to explore and feel comfortable with their own individuality.

### **School Meals**

At Forest Moor School we are working towards a Trauma Informed School and to support part of this, leadership have taken the decision to fund all meals for all students at Forest Moor School. Meals include Nurture Breakfast, Lunch and healthy snacks to support students' needs. We would encourage all parents/carers to check to see if they qualify for free school meals by using this link [Free school meals | North Yorkshire Council](#).

### **Key Dates**

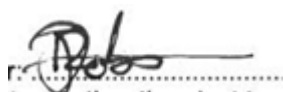
Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September are staff training days and Wednesday 6th September will be our parent review day. For this day you will be provided with a time before we break up and reminded again when we return. This meeting slot will be sent with a virtual link as we appreciate the distance that most students travel, however please feel free to attend in person if you wish to do so.

Students return as normal **Thursday 7th September** and transport has been updated with this information.

Before the students return to school there is a significant amount of work being done to the building, just over £260,000 worth of investment from a combination of the school budget, charity donations and the Trust. We hope that when all students return they will see an even more specialist building with a range of different specialist areas to support learning.

In addition to the structural investment, we have been able to secure all vacancies and expand our staffing structure. This means that there will be an additional 10 staff joining us in September which will provide even more support for all students.

Finally, I would like to reiterate my thanks for your support this year and wish you all a fantastic summer. We look forward to seeing all students back to school in the new academic year.



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