



Trinity High School

& SIXTH FORM CENTRE

Part of Bordesley Multi Academy Trust

Wednesday 19th July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Reminder letter regarding Uniform and Timings of the School Day from September 2023.

Following my initial correspondence in June, I am eager to remind you about uniform arrangements and the changes in the timings of the school day from September. Please find the details below to enable you to make arrangements and prepare adequately. If you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

School Uniform from September

There will be very few changes to our school uniform for September, as we have achieved a uniform that is affordable, durable and extremely smart. Please see the attached uniform price document which gives parents/carers all the information they need to purchase our uniform. For the 2023-24 school year, only Orchard Clothing will stock and sell our uniform, as we work with them exclusively to guarantee minimal cost for maximum quality.

The one significant change for 2023-24, is that students will only be able to wear one of the two Trinity school v neck jumpers that are sold at Orchard Clothing. Jumpers from any other stockist will not be allowed to be worn. We consulted both students and parents and decided to offer two options for a school jumper, one sweatshirt material Trinity v neck (new for 2023) which is available from £10.50. Orchard will also continue to sell the knitted v neck which is available from £17.95.

Our jumpers are an optional piece of school uniform, but I must be clear that only the two v neck jumpers available at Orchard will be accepted as our school uniform and must be worn under the blazer and not to replace it. No other jumpers will be allowed. **The blazer remains the compulsory piece of uniform that should be worn every day; students must always wear their blazer.**

May we also remind parents/carers that when purchasing shoes over the summer, they can be an expensive item, and therefore we wanted to remind you of our policy. At Trinity, we have a policy that only allows shoes that are **formal, leather, black and polishable**. For guidance, the type of shoe that would be worn with business attire or to a formal celebration. **Nike Air Force or any other branded shoe will not be acceptable**, largely down to the cost of the shoe, which contravenes the government affordability mandate. Boots and ankle boots are also not permitted, nor are shoes with visible brand logos.

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Times of the School Day from September 2023

Current parents/carers will recall that earlier in the year, we consulted all parents/carers, students and staff regarding the timings of the school day. The Department for Education have directed all schools to provide 32.5 hours of full-time education per week, meaning at Trinity, we have had to add 10 minutes per day. We have considered our school day very carefully and designed a day that supports both academic progress and most importantly student and staff well-being. The key changes of the school day are a 5 minute earlier start to the day where students will be required to be at their tutor base by 8.40am, and a 5 minute later end to the day at 3.10pm. We have extended the length of breaktime to allow students to use the toilets, get food and enjoy some social time and we have also reconfigured the day to include a READING SCHOOL lesson. National research suggests that the only conceivable way for students to make accelerated reading gains is to read for 20 minutes per day.

To this end, from September, students at Trinity will begin every day with reading. The school day begins at 8.40am and after a brief 15 minutes with their tutor, students will move to their reading school groups where specific reading knowledge will be developed in small groups, with texts targeted to each child's reading ability. Each of the groups will be formed based on reading tests we have carried out, that tell us the current reading ages. This is a very necessary and exciting new provision for the students at Trinity and we can't wait to share more information on Reading School soon.

Please find below a table of the times of the school day for September 2023:

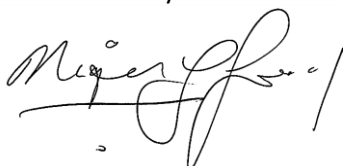
Period	Start	Finish
Registration	8.40am	8.55am
Reading School	8.55am	9.15am
Period 1	9.15am	10.15am
Period 2	10.15am	11.15am
Break	11.15am	11.35am
Period 3	11.35am	12.35pm
Period 4	12.35pm	1.35pm
Lunch	1.35pm	2.10pm
Period 5	2.10pm	3.10pm

Arrangements for this week

This week there have been lots of end of term activities taking place including Sports Day (Monday 17th July) and Excellence for All celebration assemblies (Tuesday 18th July). On Friday 21st July, we will be finishing for the summer holidays. Students will be dismissed at 12.45pm following our 'Trinityfest' event and final assembly. Students will be able to wear their own clothes and should bring some small change for stalls, although they will get some tokens to participate on the stalls free of charge too.

May I take the opportunity to thank parents/carers for all their support this year and wish you a long and relaxing summer holidays.

Yours sincerely



Mr N Ford
Headteacher