

# Pastoral Newsletter



Autumn Term 2024

## SAFEGUARDING

Please note the following updates to our safeguarding team which take effect on Monday 2 September 2024:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):  
Mr Micheal Keeley  
([mkeeley@morehousemail.org.uk](mailto:mkeeley@morehousemail.org.uk))

Deputy DSL: Ms Paulette Monteiro  
([pmonteiro@morehousemail.org.uk](mailto:pmonteiro@morehousemail.org.uk))

Deputy DSL: Ms Claire Phelps  
([cphelps@morehousemail.org.uk](mailto:cphelps@morehousemail.org.uk))

Please contact one of the staff listed above if you have any safeguarding concerns. In an emergency, please use of the following number:

**Emergency Safeguarding Tel: 07393 392745**

## ATTENDANCE

More House School is dedicated to supporting strong attendance for students so that they receive an excellent education as the benefits of being in school are numerous. Therefore, we are committed to reducing absence from School and recognise that this challenge cannot be met by the School alone.

**What YOU must do:**

- Try to telephone the school **before 8.25am** each day of your child's absence. If no contact is made by 8.45am, a text message will be sent to parents/carers asking them to contact the school and provide a reason for the absence.

- Tell the school in advance of any medical appointments and bring in or email appointment cards/letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

**What WE will do:**

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

Any absences or term time absence requests should be sent via email to [absent@morehousemail.org.uk](mailto:absent@morehousemail.org.uk)

## PUNCTUALITY

Having good attendance also means being on time and not being late to school. Students who arrive late can feel embarrassed, left out and miss out on important introductions to lessons. Punctuality is an essential life skill that needs to be taught from the very beginning.

Please ensure that your child arrives at School on time so that they are present for registration; this takes place at 8.25am each day.

Lateness causes problems over register marking and missed instructions. Where a genuine reason for lateness exists, this will be an 'authorised absence' but where explanations are inadequate or the lateness is after 8.55 a.m. then an 'absence from registration' will be recorded.

## MEDICINE IN SCHOOL

A reminder that in order for us to safely administer medication in school, we require a Parental Agreement to Administer Medication form to be filled in and returned to the school with any medication to be given to your daughter.

If your child suffers from asthma and/or uses an EpiPen there is also a form for you to complete. For

asthma, the school must be given a spare inhaler whilst your child should carry one with them at all times; the completed form should be accompanied by a copy of your child's Asthma Plan. For severe allergies, the school should be given 2 EpiPens as well as a copy of your child's Allergy Action Plan.

You can request forms by emailing Ms Monteiro ([pmonteiro@morehousemail.org.uk](mailto:pmonteiro@morehousemail.org.uk)) or the school office.

## PHSE and RSE

Here are the PSHE and RSE topics each year group will be exploring during the Autumn Term Week 1:

Year 7: Introduction to PSHE and RSE

Year 8: Proud To Be Me

Year 9: Social Media and Online Stress

Year 10: Instagram and TikTok Generation

Year 11: Virtual Reality and Live Streaming

Year 12: Recognising Illness

Year 13: UCAS

PSHE stand for:

*Personal, Social, Health and Economic (Education)*

RSE stands for:

*Relationships and Sex Education*

Once the academic year commences, all resources will be uploaded to the PSHE/ RSE Year group Google Classroom where Parents will also have full access to these.

In a separate letter home to parents, I will share further information that all parents need to be made aware of as their daughter explores the PSHE and RSE syllabus. This letter home will also include which topics are **compulsory** and which topics you can **withdraw** your daughter from according to, and in line with the **DFE Statutory Guidance**.

This letter will be sent to your email - please ensure More House has an up to date email address by contacting our school office.

Best Wishes

**Ms Williams**

**Head of PSHE & RSE**

## SAVE THE DATE

- Wed 27 November (1800-1840)  
**Internet Safety for Parents & Carers at More House (online)**  
Teams meeting ID: 383 228 818 421  
Passcode: Lxcz7X