



July 24th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another very busy school year, I hope you and your families are looking forward to spending some time together over the summer in some hopefully warmer and drier weather than of late.

End of Year Report 2023

I am delighted to enclose your child's end of year report which contains an overview of your child's attitude to learning and their academic progress during this year. It also contains their attendance to date, number of sessions late to school and details of any suspensions as number of sessions (a session is half a day). We have included a current working at stage/grade for each subject area that they have studied which is based on any assessments they have completed this academic year in each subject area. However, some subjects have skills-based learning rather than stages/grades.

The information presented in this report will give you an overview of how your child has approached their work this year. Please discuss this information with your child and encourage them to continue to work hard and try their best, which is all we ask.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact your child's pastoral manager in the first instance

Uniform

Just like your child's mainstream school, we have a school uniform that our learners are expected to wear. I wanted to remind you of our uniform expectations for when you are replacing items ready for September.

Our uniform requirements and uniform policy are on the website but for your ease I have enclosed them with this letter and hope that you will support school by ensuring your child adheres to our uniform requirement. We have kept the costs as low as possible and provide a free sweatshirt when your child starts at Three Towers, however we understand the financial constraints families are under. We want to help out as much as our school budget allows so for those learners returning to Three Towers in September, we are providing a £30 ASDA voucher to purchase some school trousers (not leggings or jeans style) and a multi-pack of white polo shirts. Most of our learners' have sweatshirts that will last into the new school year. Please be aware that we are not in any form of partnership agreement with any supplier, so school does not get anything back from the supplies listed below. If you have a problem obtaining uniform, please contact your child's pastoral manager in the first instance.

Finally on uniform, if your child has been pestering you for any piercings, now is the time to get them done so that they can heal in the summer holiday as they will need to be removed once school starts again.

Mobile Phones & Smart Watches

Mobile phones and smart watches are not permitted in school. We do however appreciate that many parents value being able to contact their child as they travel to and from school. Mobile

phones and smart watches must be placed in your child's locker on arrival at school. They will have access to these devices again as they leave school. If you need to get a message to your child during the school day, this should be done via the school office.

Smoking/Vaping

Three Towers sites are NO Smoking/Vaping. This applies to all children and adults using the sites, and it includes traditional cigarettes as well as e-cigarettes. Smoking materials must be put into lockers on arrival and at school with learners having access to them again as they leave school. Smoking or vaping on site is not tolerated and will result in a sanction.

School Hours during the holiday

The Whelley site is closed completely during the summer break. The Hindley Office will be open on August 24th for GCSE results queries between 9:00am and 12:30pm. Please be aware we cannot give any actual results over the phone; results will be emailed to learners in the morning on the email address learners provided. If an email address was not provided, the results will be hand-delivered to the home address we have on file between 9:00am and 10:30am.

New Term

The new academic year starts on Monday 4th September with an INSET day for staff. On Tuesday 5th September we intend to run our Pastoral Review Day again, and your child's Pastoral Manager will be in touch to arrange a mutually convenient time for you and your child to attend a meeting with them. During this meeting you will be given a copy of your child's timetable for the new academic year. Lessons will start on Wednesday 6th September.

Term dates for 2023 – 2024 are on the school website.

Our latest newsletter will be on the website in time for school finishing for summer at noon on Tuesday 25th July. Please have a look at it as it will recap some of the opportunities and activities your child has been involved with during the last two terms.

To those learners not returning after the summer break, we would like to wish you every success in your new school.

Lastly, on behalf of all the staff at Three Towers, I want to thank you for your on-going support and wish you a safe, happy and relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely



A Isherwood
Headteacher

School Uniform

School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence and a feeling of belonging within school and contributes to our learner's wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added stress of meeting the expectations of their peers. In addition, following our uniform rules prepares our learners for either returning to mainstream school or entering the world of work where they are required to either wear a uniform or follow a dress code which cannot be customised. We also explain to learners that all staff at Three Towers have a dress code we must all follow, whether we agree with it or not.

Uniform Requirements

These are explained at the initial parental meeting. As learners have often been to more than one school we have tried to ensure that our uniform expectations do not require significant additional costs to parents/carers and wherever possible reflect the expectations of the mainstream schools who we work alongside as it is our aim to return our learners to mainstream provision. Most of our uniform can be bought at supermarkets and high street shops. [Our Three Towers sweatshirt can be bought either from us or directly from AC Sports in Pemberton](#)

All Learners:

All learners must wear:

- Black tailored trousers – **No leggings**, sports/tracksuit or jeans/jeans type pants. Track suit pants must not be worn underneath school pants
- Black knee length skirt – skirts more than 5cm above the knee are not acceptable, worn with black tights or black, grey or white knee-length socks.
- White polo shirt – t-shirts worn underneath must not be visible, so stick to plain white
- Black Three Towers sweatshirt – No hoodies or other sweatshirts
- Sturdy plain black shoes or plain black trainers – no logos/patterns or colours
- Sensible, waterproof outdoor coat

Optional summer uniform - Between the beginning of May and the end of September, learners may wear tailored, knee length, black school shorts as shown in the photos below instead of black school trousers. These are available in store and online from many retailers including Sainsburys, Asda, Tesco, M&S and Amazon. The shorts should be worn with their white polo shirts; white, black or grey socks and plain black full shoes or plain black trainers. **Please be aware cycling or sports shorts are not allowed and learners arriving in these will be sent home to change.**



For PE learners should wear plain black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a white t-shirt with trainers. PE kit can be provided if required.

Outdoor clothing is provided for those learners who have outdoor education on their timetables.

Hair styles must be of a natural colour, of reasonable length (minimum No 2 if shaved and without patterns). Long hair must be kept clear of the eyes at all times for health & safety reasons and must be tied up when doing PE, science, cooking etc.

Jewellery is suggested to be limited to a wrist-watch and a ring. For Health & Safety reasons any other jewellery should be worn under clothes and removed for PE lessons. TTAPA will not accept any responsibility for lost jewellery.

Earrings – a maximum of two small stud-type earrings per lobe is allowed. Hoops or other earring piercings are not allowed. Earrings must be removed for PE and swimming. Ear stretchers are NOT allowed

Other piercings including facial piercings (nose, lips, eyebrows, tongue etc.) are not allowed. They must be removed for school. No plastic versions or plasters covering such piercings are allowed.

Please note that all piercings have to be removed for school irrespective of when they were done. Therefore we advise new piercings are done at the start of the school summer holiday so that they are sufficiently healed to be removed once term starts. Absence from school to allow piercings to heal will not be authorised.

Make-up, false lashes and false nails. Make up and false lashes if worn should be subtle. False nails are allowed however for health & safety reasons they must be of a sensible length ie no longer than 5mm past the end of the finger and of a natural colour (French polish or nude colours only)

Primary Learners who attend part time on an Intervention Place:

Dual registered learners wear their mainstream school uniform with a on the days they attend Three Towers. Sturdy traditional school shoes and a sensible outdoor coat are required in line with the learners' mainstream school uniform expectations. For PE, learners again should wear what would be expected at their mainstream school.

Offsite at Vocational or Work Experience Placements:

Learners should follow the dress code stipulated by the alternative provider as they are best placed to ensure that the clothing is appropriate to the activities being undertaken and do not pose a health and safety risk to the learner. If specialist uniform is required, it will be provided for learners e.g. Rigga boots for construction.

Remote Learners:

Learners attending remote lessons must be suitably dressed and wear their Three Towers sweatshirt. When attending onsite sessions learners are expected to wear full school uniform.

Travelling to and from school

Learners must travel to school and arrive wearing correct uniform.

Incorrect or Absent uniform

Learners who arrive at school in incorrect uniform are required to

- either change into spare uniform
- or return home to change and then return to school

Persistent refusal to meet uniform expectations, including refusal to remove piercings is dealt with under the Behaviour Policy.