



25th May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Safeguarding Matters at Newsome

The Governors and Senior Leadership Team are currently reviewing lunchtime arrangements to ensure that all our students are safe during social times and I wanted to explain the reasons behind this and our planned approach over the coming weeks.

As you may know, students have historically been granted permission by parents/carers to leave the school site at lunchtime. Unfortunately, due to the nature of society today, this raises concerns about the threats and dangers that we often see on the news and we don't want anything to happen to our students at Newsome High School.

Therefore, from Monday 12th June, all students must remain on the school premises throughout the whole of the school day.

We recognise that there may be some exceptional circumstances where your child may need permission to leave (e.g. to care for a family member). In these instances, I require a written letter of consent from parents/carers, outlining the reasons, addressed to me. These requests will be reviewed on an individual basis and therefore permission may not be granted. **If permission is granted, we must stress that during this time, students will be the responsibility of parents/carers whilst they are out of school. We must also stress that students who do have permission (following the procedure above) are expected to arrive back into school on time and ready to learn.**

I hope you understand this decision and that you will acknowledge that this is purely to ensure the safety of our students and thank you in advance for your support.

Mr Dean Watkin
Headteacher