

Alston Moor Federation
Alston Primary School
Nenthead Primary School
Samuel King's School

Working Together – Achievement For All

June 25th 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

In September 2019, Ofsted updated their new framework for schools which has influenced the work we have done on the secondary curriculum this academic year. In line with the new framework, please find attached the revised Curriculum Intent for Samuel King's School. The revised curriculum intent offers students a broad and balanced curriculum and ensures there is full curriculum coverage at Key Stage 3 and 4. It allows students to broaden and deepen their knowledge and skills in Key Stage 3 and be fully prepared for GCSEs in Key Stage 4.

Also in line with the new framework, you will see that we have extended Key Stage 3 to include Year 9. We are still able to offer a variety of creative curriculum option subjects in Year 9 so students can begin to experience GCSE subjects and develop the required knowledge, understanding and skills to be successful in Key Stage 4 when they take the GCSE exams.

To support the new curriculum offer, we have made minor adjustments to the timings of the school day. We have extended the length of lessons to one hour and moved to a five lesson day. The beginning of the school day has been brought forward slightly to allow for a more punctual and productive start to the day. Many students are in school earlier than the current 9.10am start and we are keen to have them in lesson and learning from the start of the day. From September, the timings of the school day will be as follows:

8.55am-9.55am	Period 1 (students to be registered in Period 1)
9.55am-10.55am	Period 2
10.55am-11.10am	Break time
11.10am-12.10pm	Period 3
12.10pm-1.10pm	Period 4
1.10pm-1.50pm	Lunch time
1.50pm – 2.50pm	Period 5
2.50pm – 3.15pm	Tutor and registration period and assemblies

As always, if you have any queries, please contact myself on stimmons@alston.cumbria.sch.uk or our Chair of Governors, Ian Grey on chair@alston.cumbria.sch.uk.

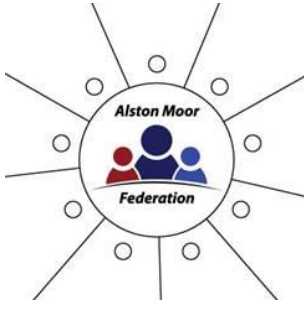
Best wishes to all of our families and we look forward to seeing all of our students again very soon.

S Timmons

Ian Grey

Acting Headteacher

Chair of Governors



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