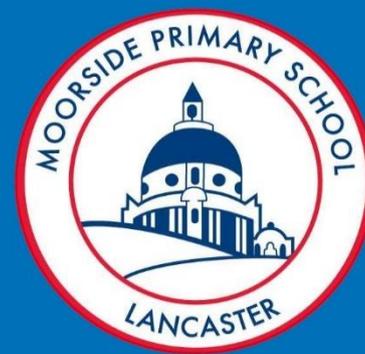


# Moorside Primary School

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## Weekly Update

Dear parents and carers

Over the last couple of weeks, we have had extra children appearing each day, who we haven't seen for a long time. It has been lovely to see them and the reaction of their friends has been heart-warming to witness. We look forward to many more happy sights like that over the next few days.

### Wider re-opening of schools

As we mentioned in a message on Monday, the Local Authority has now recommended that schools can begin to open to a wider group of pupils from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. In our case, this means that Reception and Year 6 pupils can attend for two days a week from Monday. Individual letters have been sent about each child's attendance pattern. Following our recent survey of keyworker parents, there has been a massive influx of keyworker children into school. Schools have been asked to prioritise these children along with children considered 'vulnerable' ahead of any year group in the school. Unfortunately, in line with what we have said in the two previous weekly update letters, this means that Year 1 will not be able to return as we had previously hoped.

### Hygiene

Since March we have had stringent hygiene measures in place. All parents of pupils already in school should have received a reminder of all the routines in place. To add to our measures, we have installed additional handwashing stations at entrances to help us manage the increased number of children safely.



### **Crossing Patrol**

From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> crossing patrol will be operating again outside school.

### **New Arrival**

We always like to share happy news, so we thought you might like to see Miss Holden's new puppy, Bonnie, who is keeping her busy when she is not in school. Very cute!



### **School lunches**

The school kitchen re-opened on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Initially they are just preparing school packed lunches (ham, cheese or tuna) as they make it easier for us to organise lunchtime safely at present. Children are still welcome to bring lunch from home. As normal, there is no need to pay if your child qualifies for a free school meal or if they are in Reception, Year 1 or 2. If you would like your child to have a school lunch, a dinner register will be taken each morning when your child can inform the teacher of their choice. We would ask that you stick to a pattern of either school packed lunch or home packed lunch to help the kitchen when planning numbers. If your child is in KS2 and not eligible for free school meals then you can pay for lunches using Parentpay. Please do not send in cash or cheques. Please could all children continue to bring a drink from home as the school water fountains are currently closed.

### **Catch up programme**

On the news in the last few days, the government have mentioned plans for a 'catch up' programme to support children. We are yet to receive details about what this involves. We hope to have more information for you shortly.

### **Attendance/Pupils on roll**

The safety and wellbeing of all our pupils (and parents) is of upmost importance to all staff here at Moorside and we wish to ensure that all our pupils (and parents) remain safe and well. It is extremely important that you inform school if:

- You and your family have left the area or the UK and that your child will NOT be returning to the UK/Moorside
- You are currently staying/residing outside the UK/local area or that you intend to leave the UK/local area for any length of time

Please email the office if the above two points relate to your individual circumstances

office@moorside-pri.lancs.sch.uk

**Year 2 Pebble Snake**

If you have not already seen it on Facebook or in 'real life', the Year 2 'Pebble Snake' is well worth a look. Anyone from school is welcome to paint a pebble with an uplifting message and add it to the snake to help it grow.

**Reception Welcome Video**

The phantom Moorside videographer has struck again! Apologies for the missing heads in places. This was done deliberately so as not to highlight our lockdown hairstyles!

Take care everyone!

Yours sincerely

Roger Shone  
Headteacher