

# Moorside Primary School

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## Weekly Update

Dear parents and carers

### September

In line with the Government guidance issued last week, we have been busy planning for September. These are the key points so far:

- Children will belong to year group bubbles which operate independently from each-other
- Start and finish times will be staggered to reduce the amount of movement on the school site at any one time  
Y1,3 and Y6 8.50am, finishing at 3.10pm  
Y2,4, and Y5 9.00am, finishing at 3.20pm
- The existing one way system for anyone entering the school site will continue
- Although the new guidance allows children to sit next to each-other, classrooms will be arranged so that they will not be facing each other unless they are over 1m away
- Initially, for the first few weeks, the school kitchen will just be preparing packed lunches, which are free to pupils from Reception to Y2 and to anyone who qualifies for free school meals. KS2 pupils will eat in classrooms. This is partly because we have removed half the seats from our dining spaces and it will allow us to reduce movement and the mixing of year groups. Once we have embedded a routine, we can work with the catering team to re-introduce hot lunch options. Please may we ask that any child bringing a packed lunch from home takes their rubbish home with them.
- Before and after school provision will be available and year group bubbles will be maintained at those. More details to follow.
- We are looking at running after school (extra-curricular) clubs for a single year groups at a time

NB All the year groups mentioned refer to the year group you child is in from September.

There are other details that we will share next week, but hopefully that is enough for you to start to plan in terms of timings.

To help us plan for Breakfast Club provision and so the catering team order appropriate amounts of food, it would be helpful if you could complete a survey via Survey Monkey. These are for indicative numbers at this stage and are not a firm booking or commitment.

Everyone's experience in the time since school was running normally will have been different. Our emphasis on the first day and on those early days back will be to build confidence and help children feel part of a much larger community than they will have been used to for some time. We have a range of

activities planned to do this. As I mentioned in a previous letter, all children will start the day with their current teacher and should line up in the place they have been used to this year. To help us plan for the children's return, we are inviting parents to complete a survey via Survey Monkey telling us about the type of experiences your child has had during lockdown e.g. How much opportunity they have had to see other children. A letter will be sent during the holidays with a link to the survey.

### **School uniform**

Since the end of March, we have been open-minded and flexible about uniform and footwear because we understand that accessing some things has been difficult and that it is expensive to buy new items with only a few left. However, in September we would like to see full-return to the normal uniform and footwear that is expected.

### **Reports**

As I have mentioned in previously letters, two or three class sets of reports are being sent out each day. If you have not received one for your child yet, it will be with you shortly.

### **Food donations**

As the school closed to the majority of pupils in March, we organised a collection for charities running local foodbanks. We think that it would be a fitting end to the school year to repeat this appeal. If you would like to donate some items of food and your child is currently attending school, they can bring them with and take them into class. If you would like to donate something and your child is not attending school, you are welcome to leave them in entrance porch. The final day for donations is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

### **The end of term**

The final day of term this year is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. If your children are in Reception or attending one of the keyworker/vulnerable pupil bubbles, school will finish for the them at the time set for that bubble. We are pleased to welcome back all of Year 6 together for one final day together. A separate letter to Y6 will follow, giving details of this.

### **Letters over the summer**

As a rule, we don't send out letters over the summer holidays. However, this is not a normal year by any stretch of the imagination. At this point, we plan to send out one letter towards the end of the holiday with reminders about timings, routines and hygiene. Letters will be available via Parentapp, the school website and Facebook. In keeping with the routine we have been following, this will be on a Friday.

Take care everyone!

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher