

Moorside Primary School

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Update and Reminders

Dear parents and carers

It's strange how success might be measured these days, but 18 days into the school year, with normal attendance levels and all bubbles open throughout feels like success at the moment! Long may it continue.

Additional to this letter today:

- A letter from the NHS about Covid 19
- A letter about residential visits

Parent/Teacher Consultations

These have been arranged for the week beginning 20th October and will be by phone. We would love to welcome parents into school, but that would represent an enormous footfall through the building. What is most important is that the school and staff remain 'clean' and we are able to run on a daily basis for the children. As always, we will aim to make the discussions as valuable as possible, so you gain important information about your child's learning. More details to follow.

Smart Watches

Please don't allow your child to bring a smart watch to school. This is partly because of their cost and the risk of them going missing, but more importantly, because of their ability to take photographs. For safeguarding and data protection reasons, photography on the school site needs to be very closely controlled.

Reading Workshop – Current Reception

We like to work with parents and help them engage with their child's learning. With that in mind, we plan to hold some virtual reading workshops in the coming weeks. More details to follow.

Data Sheets

Data information sheets for Year 1 to 6 will be sent home today. Please can you check that the information we hold is up to date and correct, sign the sheet and return to school. If you have notified school of any changes in the last week or so these may not show on this data form due to them being printed out over a week ago.

Prospective Parents – Reception 2021 (please share this information for friends)

At this time of year, we are usually busy showing prospective parents around the school. As we are unable to do this in our normal way, we will be posting a 'virtual tour' on our website in the week beginning 5th October. We are also looking at other ways we may be able to engage with prospective parents.

MOORFS

At this time of year, MOORFS, our PTA, are usually busy organising social and fundraising events for the autumn and Christmas. Sadly, Covid restrictions will prevent any kind of gathering taking place. However, behind the scenes they are working on alternative ideas to celebrate different seasonal events.

The first MOORFS' meeting of the school year will take place via Zoom on Wednesday 30th September at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to join in! They will publish the meeting link on their Facebook page prior to the meeting or you can contact them at moorfs@moorside-pri.lancs.sch.uk and they will send you the link.

School Dinners

We are still only providing sandwich packed lunches for the children at the moment. As we move into the colder weather, we are looking at ways we can introduce some form of hot food in a safe and socially distanced way.

Lost Property

A reminder to label all items brought into school. We try our best to return lost/found items to the rightful owners, but this proves difficult when items are not named.

Parking

As always, can we ask that everyone is parking considerately and safely when dropping off and picking up around school and the local vicinity. Unfortunately, we still have some parents blocking people's driveways and parking dangerously. Also, Stepping Stones car park is not to be used. Their overflow car park is for staff use only.

Yours sincerely

Roger Shone
Headteacher