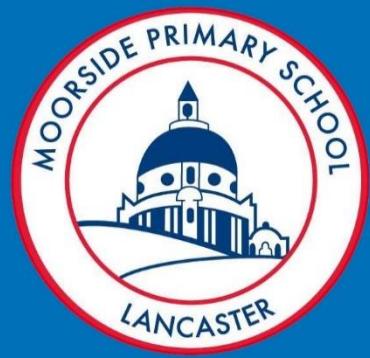


# Moorside Primary School

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Dear parents and carers

### Thank you

We are nearly at the end of what I am sure will have been a challenging term for many of you as well as everyone at school. The children have managed very well with the range of routines in place and the restrictions there are on their lives outside school. I would like to thank the staff for their extra effort this term, you, the parents, for your support and the children for their patience, good humour, and sense of fun!

Since my 'little accident' I have made it into school a few times and it has been great to see the children and talk directly to staff. It was lovely to see one of the Y2 classes in their final rehearsal before filming their Christmas production. I am looking forward to seeing the finished production by Y2 and Reception online.

I am now becoming more ambitious and getting around faster and increasing my steps per day! All being well, I hope to be back in school full-time from Tuesday 5th January when I have said 'Goodbye' to the enormous surgical boot. Thank you to everyone that has left cards, gifts and passed on messages wishing me a speedy recovery.

### Parking Near School

At recent MOORFs meetings and Governor meetings we have talked about the parking situation in the area around school. We have some ideas and will start to share those in the new year.

### PSHE and RSHE Consultation

The consultation about this policy ended on Monday 7th December. A small number of parents took up the offer to view resources. Even though the number of people wanting to do this was very small, practical arrangements were challenging because of Covid. In the first weeks of the New Year, we will be looking at how we can adapt and personalise our PSHE and RSHE curriculum and associated policy still further. In the first half-term, classes will continue to teach in line with the existing school values framework and curriculum content will be shared in the normal way through 'Curriculum News' for each year group.

### Staffing Updates

After Christmas, there are a few staff updates to make you aware of.

Congratulations to Mrs Orford who has recently been successful in securing her first teaching post. Mrs Orford completed the majority of her teacher training with us at Moorside and has worked hard as a volunteer, student and in her role this term. Ms Fondja, who is already well-known to many of our children, will be teaching 1C, 2C and Year 6 during their class teachers' PPA time from Christmas onwards.

Some of our Teaching Assistants are also working in new roles from January. Ms Gryzbowska, who has been working in Reception this term, is leaving us at the end of this week and we wish her well and thank her for her work this term. Mrs Howarth will be working alongside Miss Holden in 6H, and Miss Fraser will be working alongside Miss Ashworth in Reception. We also welcome Miss Grace McIIlMurray and Mrs Rebecca Perkins to the Reception team,

who will be working alongside Mrs Firkins. Miss Sophie English will be working alongside Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Gardner in 1PG.

### **Track and Trace**

You may be aware that the Government has asked schools to play a role in ‘Track and Trace’ to inform parents if their child has been a close contact to someone who has tested positive for Covid 19 beyond the end of term.

If your child tests positive for Covid 19 from Saturday 19th December to Thursday 24th December, you can inform us by texting 07826867333. This is a school mobile phone, which will be checked daily. Please inform us of your child’s name, class, the date of the test and the date they started showing symptoms (if they had any). The school is then required to inform other parents of the need for their child to self-isolate. We do hope that no one has the need to contact us and that everyone can enjoy the holiday with your family and remain in good health.

There is no need to contact us if your child tests positive after 24th. As we approach the start of the new term, please be aware the rules around attending school. Children should not attend school if they have:

- A new dry continuous cough
- A temperature above 37.8
- Loss of smell or taste

or if they have been in close contact with someone who has symptoms or who is awaiting the result of a test.

If in doubt, please contact us before sending your child to school.

### **Governor Elections**

The results of our governor Elections are as follows:

Paul Swannell  
Sarah McSweeney  
Emma Read  
Emily Paterson

### **MOORFs**

MOORFs have done a brilliant job running events in difficult circumstances. This Friday, the school’s Christmas lights, which form part of a larger Christmas trail, will be switched on by a ‘special seasonal guest’. It is planned to ‘live stream’ this event on their Facebook page. We hope you enjoy the lights and the trail. Many thanks to MOORFs for organising this.

### **Fundraising in School**

Thank you to everyone who has supported our various fundraising appeals so far this year. This is what we have collected to date:

- Poppy appeal - £464.36
- Save the Children (Winter Jumper Day) - £495.40

Thank you again for all your support and I wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely

Roger Shone  
Head Teacher