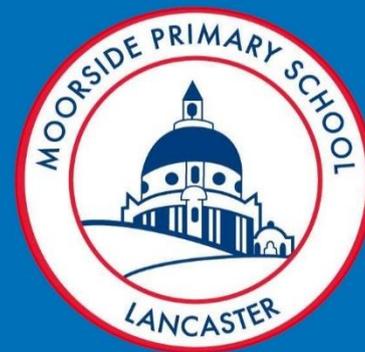


# Moorside Primary School

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## Update

Dear Parents and Carers

March 8<sup>th</sup> is inching closer and hopefully represents the permanent re-opening of schools to all pupils. Since Christmas, we have tried to keep in contact with all the children who are not with us through various means of communication. When people have turned up for work packs, it has been lovely to see faces we have missed.

### Supporting Pupils

We will be working hard to ensure that children settle back into school smoothly and that we take account of their various experiences and potential emotional needs which might have arisen since January. To help us build a picture of the needs children might have we are inviting parents to take part in a survey. If you would like to take part, please use the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MsideRTS2>

At a later date, I will write and outline what we are going to do to support children with their learning.

### Practical Arrangements

Although infection rates are falling, arrangements which have been in place to keep children, parents and staff safe will remain for the time being and will be reviewed later in the spring. Full details and an updated risk assessment will be upload to our website shortly, but here are the key points:

#### 1. The staggered start and finish times remain the same

R, Y1, Y3, Y6 – arrival between 8.40 and 8.50, **with 8.50** being their actual start and registration time  
Y2, Y4, Y5 - arrival between 8.50 and 9.00, **with 9.00** being their actual start and registration time  
To help us, please can everyone try and be punctual and keep to the timings.

#### 2. One-way systems

Our aim is still to reduce the number of adults on our school site. Wherever children are old enough (mainly Y4-6), it would be helpful if they can enter the school grounds themselves. If you do need to enter the grounds please observe the one-way systems which have been in place since last March.

#### 3. School lunches

School lunch arrangements will remain the same as before Christmas, with hot/cold picnic lunch bags being available for those having school lunches.

#### **4. Year group bubbles**

Children continue to be in year group bubbles which operate separately during the day, with arrangements in place to minimise contact between them.

#### **5. Hygiene and ventilation**

Regular handwashing and sanitising routines remain in place. Throughout, the pandemic, including the winter, we have operated with open windows and doors. This will continue, so please make sure your child has several layers on.

#### **Staff Changes and Transition (Y2 and RA)**

Earlier in the week, I wrote explaining that we would write explaining the arrangements for how children will be meeting their new teachers. A separate letter is being sent today about this.

#### **World Book Day**

Please look out for information coming out over the next few days about our World Book Day event.

#### **Thank You and Well Done**

I would like to congratulate all our parents for your support and work with your children. This lockdown has been tough, so well done. I would also like to thank everyone for your support and understanding. Because Moorside has many parents who are categorised as key workers, we have not been able to accommodate everyone, so we have had to make difficult decisions and stick strictly to the criteria on which we could offer a place. Thank you for accepting this and working with us. I would also like to thank our staff for running school for the children attending, whilst at the same time running online learning. Last of all, the children have been brilliant. It has been great to see their work on Seesaw and we are really looking forward to seeing them in person very soon.

#### **Links to regular events:**

##### **Well-Being Cafe**

Link to join the Well-Being Café each Thursday at 9.15am

<https://zoom.us/j/93187545008?pwd=bWpUTjluYnBwM01VYINxNit6ZVlwQT09>

Yours sincerely

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