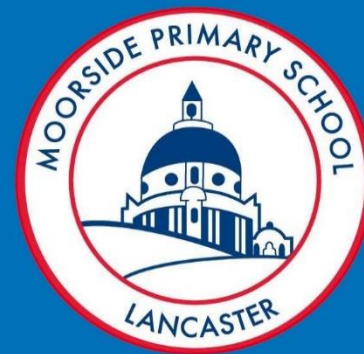


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3rd September 2021

New School Year – Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new school year and a big welcome to all our new starters in Reception or across the school. Even though it is early days, the children will soon settle into new routines and be confident in their new year group. Hopefully, this year will be more normal than the last two and that the children can enjoy and benefit from the full range of learning opportunities on offer at Moorside.

Arrival on Monday

From Monday, we are going to try returning to a standard start time for all year groups. Children may arrive from 8:40am and go straight into the building. All children must be here by 8:50am which is the official start of registration. This 'free-flow' start to the day is how we have been working now for a while and seems to allow the children to have a very smooth start to the day. For Year 1 who are new to the larger shared corridors, we will have plenty of staff on-hand both outside and inside to welcome and guide them to their classroom. Please can we ask that everyone does their best to be punctual as this makes for a smoother start to the day for your child as well as being a good life-skill.

New Year Group Information

In the week beginning 13th September, we will be holding virtual meetings to allow you to meet your child's new teacher and for them to share with you information about the year group.

Reading

During the summer term we did a great deal of work looking at reading at Moorside and how the books which children take home are organized. Please refer to the letter which accompanies this one for more information.

Curriculum News

Each term we share with parents the main areas of learning for each class. This term's curriculum news will be made available to parents shortly.

Covid 19 Measures

Since March 2020, the school has worked hard with parents to reduce the risk of infection and to make sure children had as much access to learning as possible. A number of measures remain in place:

- staff test themselves twice a week; please could adult members of your family do this if possible
- staff, parents or pupils should only be on the school site if they are free of symptoms

- children are still be encouraged to wash or sanitise at set points in the day
- staff are still wearing masks in communal parts of school
- parents are asked to wear masks to talk to staff or coming into the building
- all rooms are well-ventilated – please make sure your child is wearing extra layers as it starts to get colder

From next week, our full range of Covid measures will be on our website for anyone who wants to find out more.

Have a good weekend and we look forward to welcoming our new Reception children next week.

Yours sincerely

Roger Shone
Headteacher