

ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD'S RETURN TO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 7th 2020

The first thing to say is that we are really looking forward to welcoming the children back to school next week. We are fully aware that many children and parents/carers will be feeling anxious. This is only to be expected. Teachers will spend much of the first week reassuring children and ensuring that they understand the new routines and the part that they have to play in these. Our pastoral team will work with children to ensure that they are as reassured as possible. We have designed a 'Recovery Curriculum' that we will be using in the first half term. This is based around ensuring that the children are able to address their feelings, get back into routines and assess their learning.

We want to make the children's return to school as positive as we can. We understand that parents will be concerned, so we have set out some basic principles below. This information replaces the guidance that was shared with you in July and earlier in the week. This should be read alongside the full risk assessments and the government document 'Guidance for Full Opening: Schools' which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

BEGINNING AND END OF DAY

- Please familiarise yourself with the map that is included in this information that clearly shows entry and exit points.
- We have extended the window for arriving in school to 8.40 to 9.00 to enable people to have a staggered entry but to not penalise families with siblings. The gates will not be open until this time
- Only one adult should bring their child(ren) into school, and leave them at the gates (KS2) if appropriate
- If you are bringing your child by car then you are advised only members of the same household should travel together
- It is also advisable that if you walk to school members of the same household should walk together and you should not walk in large groups
- Bikes will not be allowed on site at the moment

Nursery

Please use the front entrance and then the ramp at the rear of the nursery. Staff will be on hand to help you.

EYFS and KS1

If your child is in **Robins, Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Rabbits**, please use the front entrance only and follow the one way system. There will be staff in orange vests to help you and to support social distancing.

Once you have dropped off, please leave the site immediately. If you have a child in Key Stage 2, drop off the Key Stage 1 child first and then follow the rear path to the key stage 2 area. There will be staff in orange vests to help you.

At the end of the day, Robins and Hedgehogs will leave at 2.45 and Squirrels and Rabbits will leave at 3.00. Please do not arrive on site more than five minutes before as you will not be able to come in. **Ensure that you follow social distancing guidelines and remain 2 metres apart when waiting.** Again, staff in orange vests will be on hand to help.

Please be patient with us as we all adjust to the new way of working. As time goes on, we may make adjustments to these arrangements, but we will communicate these with you.

Key Stage 2

If you are in **Otters, Badgers, Owls, Eagles, Deer or Foxes**, you **must use** the rear (Tesco) entrance. Please follow the signage to your entrance point (indicated on map). There will be staff in orange vests to help you. We would strongly encourage parents of KS2 children to leave their children at the gate rather than coming on to the school site.

There is plenty of space at the rear of the school, so if you are coming in to collect your child, please use this space to socially distance.

School will finish for key Stage 2 at 3.00 as normal. We feel that there is no need to stagger the Key Stage 2 exit due to the amount of space, but please, only one adult and please be patient.

Again, if you have a child in Key Stage 1 as well, please collect them first. We will supervise your other child until you arrive, but please try to be as quick as possible.

PROTECTIVE BUBBLES

When the children are in school, they will be in protective bubbles within their classes or year group, depending on curricular requirements. They will stay in these protective bubbles throughout the school day, including breaks and lunchtimes. Social distancing by the children within these bubbles is not a requirement under Government guidelines.

Resources will be shared within these bubbles, but they will be cleaned regularly, as will the classrooms and other spaces.

Lunch will be taken by a bubble at a time in the dining hall, which will be thoroughly cleaned between sittings. This means that hot meals will be available as normal. There will be some changes to procedures but these will be explained to the children.

Each bubble will have dedicated toilets, which will be cleaned regularly. These will be unisex and access carefully controlled (one in/one out).

By maintaining these bubbles, including break times, and ensuring enhanced hygiene, we can make the setting as safe as possible for the children.

STAGGERED BREAK AND LUNCHTIMES

KS1 / KS 2 break time staggered allowing for classes to spread out

Y1/2: 10.15 (KS1 Playground)

Y3/4 10.00-10.15, 10.20 - 10.35, 10.40 - 10.55 (3 classes separately) KS2 Playground

Y5/6: 11.00 - 11.15 KS2 Playground

Lunch times staggered to allow classes to remain separate. An additional 15 minutes playtime will also be included, which again, will be separated.

EYFS/1 – 11.30 – 12.15

Y1/2 – 12.15 – 12.45

Y3/4: 12.45 - 1.15

Y4/5/6 – 1.15 - 1.45

Please note, we are fully aware that lunch will be late for Year 5/6 but this is the only way that we can ensure the time for cleaning in between sittings. We advise Year 5/6 children bring in a snack for their break time. This, along with a breakfast, should mean they are OK.

PERSONAL HYGEINE

- Hand gel will be available to the children to use around the school.
- there will be frequent times in the day when the children will be required to wash their hands
- This, along with a lot of work in class based on hygiene, will form the bedrock of the systems we have in place.
- We will follow the Government guidance regarding illness carefully. This states: *'If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).'*

EQUIPMENT

- All stationery will be provided for each child within their bubbles. They are welcome to bring their own stationery if they would like to but this should be for their own use only.
- Children should wear uniform.
- For PE, we will initially ask all children to come to school in their kit on the day of PE lessons. This may change for some younger classes but we will keep you informed. Children can of course wear tracksuit bottoms or sweatshirts/hoodies over their kit.

FINALLY

We have taken steps to ensure that the school is Covid secure. We will continually look to ways of improving the systems that we have in place and we welcome your comments or suggestions. Please email enquiries@moorlands.norfolk.sch.uk.