



Moorside CP Academy

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Dear parents,

School will **OPEN FOR ALL CHILDREN ON MONDAY 8th MARCH 2021**, Little Sparklers and Nursery included. **Attendance is MANDATORY for school aged children (aged 5+)**. If you feel that your child is Clinically Extremely Vulnerable and needs to stay off school you will need documentation from a GP/Nurse.

We have carried out a further full risk assessment following the latest Government 'Schools coronavirus (COVID-19) operational guidance' and that is now on our website for parents to read. School will look and feel very much like when we returned to school in September 2020, so much of this letter will be familiar. We still have revised start/end times to avoid traffic on site and timings **MUST** to be carefully kept to. Some are **slightly different** and they are as follows...

CLASS	TIMINGS	PE KIT DAYS
Little Sparklers	8:30am* - 2:50pm	N/A
Nursery	8:30am* - 2:50pm	N/A
Reception	8:45am* - 3:00pm	Monday and Tuesday
Year 1	8:45am* - 3:00pm	Monday and Wednesday
Year 2	8:55am* - 3:05pm	Monday and Tuesday
Year 3	8:55am* - 3:05pm	Monday and Wednesday
Year 4	8:55am* - 3:05pm	Monday and Tuesday
Year 5	9:00am* - 3:15pm	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 6	9:00am* - 3:15pm	Monday and Tuesday

****If you have more than one child in school, please bring ALL your children at the earliest drop off time and collect them at the latest collection time at/from their normal classroom doors.***



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Important points for parents;-

- Children WILL need to wear **uniform** from March 8th, **wherever possible**.
- The **one-way system** around school when dropping and collecting children is still in place. Parents need to come in through the side gate and leave through the front gate.
- **Only one parent to drop off** and collect.
- **Face coverings NEED** to be worn on site by all parents who do not have an exemption.
- Classes will remain as 'bubble' groups. Children will learn, play and eat in these groups to avoid mixing with other groups.
- No drop off and collection from the front entrance and no early collections unless there is a valid reason to do so.
- Cleaning will still be increased in frequency, especially for surfaces that are touched such as on books, desks, chairs, doors, sinks and toilets. Cleaners will operate throughout each day and ALL staff will be ensuring our risk assessments are carried out effectively.
- **Children/adults displaying symptoms will continue to follow guidance and not attend, or be sent home to isolate/get tested, as per the latest Government guidance.**
- Careful timetabling allowing for movement around school to be much lower than normal. PE sessions will be outside where possible (weather permitting) and contact sports withdrawn until further notice. PE will be inside if weather is poor with cleaning/ventilation between sessions. **On PE days children will come in their PE kits to avoid changing in school.**
- School dinners from our kitchens **ARE** available as usual with a **FULL** menu in operation. If you are not in receipt of Free School Meals, then meals will be charged at £2 per dinner.
- The Gov.uk guidance has also asked for us to ask children and their parents to **walk** to school wherever possible.
- People travelling in the same car have been added to the 'close contacts' list by Test and Trace so it is advised you only bring your own child(ren) to school.

Breakfast Club and After School Club will resume for working parents/regular users as normal. Sessions must be booked in advance (24 hours minimum). Junior children can NOT enter Breakfast Club at 8:30am for free. Payment will be required for all sessions, as in the past, and this includes for 'key worker' children. Please call us if you have any wrap-around queries.

Please could all ICT equipment that has been borrowed be returned on Monday 8th when you drop the children off to your child(ren's) class.

If school believes lockdown rules are being broken, your child(ren's) place may be at risk. This is to ensure children & staff attending school are kept as safe as possible.

As always, the mental health and well-being of our children remains our primary concern so if there are any issues or worries now or when we return please let me know ASAP. I will be on the yard every morning and evening as usual to speak to, as well as by phone throughout each day. You can also contact me on my email address at head@moorside-academy.co.uk.

Once again, many thanks for your continued support throughout these really difficult times. We thoroughly look forward to welcoming you all back to school and we will continue to do everything we possibly can to keep everyone in our school community as safe as it is possible.

Stay safe and see you all on the 8th!

Yours sincerely,

Mr. R. Davis
Headteacher

