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Monday 6th September, 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you all well and happy after the Summer break. The staff at Moorpark are so pleased to have all the children back in school again to enjoy all the wonderful things we have planned for this year.

Please try and join your child's class on dojo, this will help to keep you up to date with everything. Your logins will be with you this week. If you need help to do this just let us know, we are happy to help.

It's wonderful to welcome back Mrs Barber from her maternity leave and say an official warm welcome to Miss Pestridge who joins Moorpark as a new teacher in Year 4.

Mrs Payton and Miss Holdcroft will only be with us until October, when they will both begin their maternity leave, we say a super huge congratulations to them both on such wonderful news.

The remainder of our letter below is a reminder of the information we provided at the end of term with further updates on reopening.

As you are aware, the Government have outlined their plans to ensure that all children are back to school in September, **attendance is compulsory** and education without disruption is the main priority for everyone this year. We certainly hope so!

# If your child is absent from school you must call the school office, as usual, to report your child's absence.

Alongside the national roadmap out of lockdown, the regulations for schools have been eased to ensure the children have the best educational experience in school. Our risk assessment is constantly under review. Please get in touch if you would like to talk about any of this.

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#### What time will my child start and finish? What day is PE?

| Year<br>group | Entrance/exit                                | start/finish time | PE days (children to<br>wear PE kit) |
|---------------|--|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 3             | Y3 door (on the playground)                  | 8.40am – 2.50pm   | Monday                               |
| 4             | Y4 door (by bicycle storage)                 | 8.40am – 2.50pm   | Thursday                             |
| 5             | Y5 door (top door on playground)             | 8.50am – 3pm      | Wednesday                            |
| 6             | Y6 door (library, bottom door on playground) | 8.50am – 3pm      | Tuesday                              |

- If you have more than one child attending the school then please drop all of your children off at the youngest child's drop off point and time and pick them up from the oldest child's drop off point and time. If you are having difficulty with the start and finish times (siblings at another school etc) then please let us know and we can help.
- Year 6 pupils must be accompanied by an adult on the first day and until a completed signed parent or carer consent form is returned to school. (your child will be provided with a form)
- It is absolutely essential that your child arrives at school on time to allow them to access all of their learning.
- Should you have siblings at the Infant school too and your times are the same, it has been agreed that you will take your junior child first in the morning and the infant child second. At the end of the day please pick up your infant child first and your junior child second.

## Do I need to social distance and wear a facemask on the school playground?

- We will respectfully ask that you *continue to keep space* from staff and each other. Remember you can always make a telephone appointment or call the office with any messages for your child's teacher.
- We request that *all visitors still wear a facemask in school* and on the playground, although this is no longer compulsory we see it as a simple and effective safety measure for everyone that's easy to do. Thank you for your support with this.

## What does my child need to bring to school?

- Pupils will only need to bring their reading book and diary, coat and lunch box if required into school. Book bags are fine but no large bags or any other equipment at all please.
- Children will NOT be wearing face masks
- School uniform will need to be cleaned regularly.





• Breakfast club is open from 7.30am every morning. Cost £3.50 per session.

Please complete the booking form to request a place for breakfast care club. Booking requests and pre-payment must be made by at least the Thursday before the week you require (in exceptional unforeseen circumstances please always contact the school office to discuss how we may be able to help 01782 234440 <u>moorpark@moorparkjunior.co.uk</u>.) Places are limited so book early.

CLICK HERE FOR BREAKFAST BOOKING FORM : <u>https://forms.gle/x1zC7K1sfxCj9awe8</u>

- After school provision is not currently available, however we will be reviewing this regularly and we will stay in touch regarding this matter.
- We will provide magic breakfast bagels to all children in every classroom at the start of the day.

Class (last year's Teacher Support staff class) Mrs Rodgers Miss Rigby 3R (Mrs Harrison's class) Mr Ayres Mrs Mills and Miss Irving Miss Poole 3MI (Mrs Robert's class) Miss Pestridge 4P Miss Slack (3MG) Mrs Rodgerson 4S Miss Shaw Mrs Gillon Mrs Dale (3R) Mrs Fox Mrs Davies 5F (4L) Miss Matthews Mr Rutter 5L (4P) Miss Loaring 6B (5F) Mrs Barber (Miss Gerrard) Mrs Everson Mrs Davies Mrs Potts 6R (5S) Mrs Rooney Mrs Hazeldine

Please find below a summary of classes and teaching staff for September 2021:

# When can I meet my child's new teacher?

We are holding meetings to allow parents and carers to meet their child's new teacher, give them the opportunity to find out about what their child will be learning this year and to ask any questions they may have.

All the sessions will begin at **9.15am** and will take place on the following dates via zoom, the link will be sent via dojo and text message the day before.

| Year Group | Date                              | Staff                        |  |
|------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 4          | Wednesday 8th September at 9:15am | Miss Pestridge and Miss Shaw |  |

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| 5 | Thursday 9th September at 9:15am   | Mrs Fox and Miss Loaring                 |
|---|--|--|
| 6 | Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September at 9:15am<br>This will also include an update about<br>SATS and Stanley Head Residential | Mrs Barber (Miss Gerrard) and Mrs Rooney |

## What else do I need to think about to keep my family and everyone else safe?

 Please do not take any holidays in term time but if you do return from or plan to travel abroad please let us know ASAP. Please follow all guidance for travel to amber and red list countries.

#### What should I do if my child is unwell?

Please continue to let school know if any member of your household tests positive for Covid 19.

Please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any of the main Covid symptoms of a cough, high temperature, loss of taste/small, you must book a PCR test immediately and keep your child at home until the results come back.

We will telephone you to collect your child if they are unwell during the day.

Last year, we also advised you to test your children even if it was not the main symptoms and we did have a number of cases identified by doing this, so we will continue to ask this and we thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation to go above and beyond the guidance to keep us all as safe as possible.

Regular Lateral flow testing is still highly recommended to help to detect asymptomatic carriers and to contain the spread of Covid.

I know there is such a great deal of information here, thank you for taking the time to read it. If you require further help or information PLEASE do not hesitate to call or email the school if you have any questions.

Thank you all for your patience and ongoing support, we look forward now, with great optimism, for a fantastic year ahead together.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Peters.

(Headteacher)

Mrs Wright (Head of School)

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