



# Moat Hall Headlines



## SCHOOL RE-OPENING

During this past week, we have welcomed back some more pupils to school following lockdown. Our key worker children, who have been with us throughout, have now been joined by pupils from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. It is really wonderful to see them all and they look happy to see their teachers and friends. However, the safety of the school community is my top priority and as such the arrangements that have been put into place will be constantly reviewed and updated if necessary. The aim is to build on the re-opening so that every parent and child feels confident to return to school.

May I take this opportunity to say a big thank you to parents, and children, for supporting all the measures we have put into place to ensure everyone's safety where possible. Everyone has adapted quickly to the new routines and procedures and we are lucky to have such extensive grounds which children can enjoy. The children have remained in their bubbles all day, have been respectful of each other and the hygiene routines that are in place. They are a credit to you and to our school and we thank you for trusting your children to us.

All parents have a responsibility to remain vigilant so I would ask that you continue to reduce social contact at the school gates, that only one parent drops off children and to follow the social distancing rules when on the school site. It is really important that children arrive on time to school and are collected on time and that children are kept at home if they, or anyone in their household, are showing any symptoms of illness.

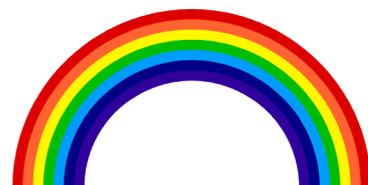
I can assure you that we are doing our best to keep your children safe, ensure they socially distance, maintain good hand hygiene and remain within their social bubbles in the classroom and in their allocated outdoor space. We know it is difficult to accomplish this in Nursery so we have reduced the spaces they can explore in, removed all equipment that cannot be thoroughly cleaned after use and increased the amount of time they spend outdoors. We do not want the children that are back in school, or their parents, to be worried or anxious so their mental wellbeing will be our priority also.

I am looking forward to welcoming back as many children as possible before the end of the Summer Term and am making plans to accommodate other year groups if possible. In order to keep children and staff safe, this will depend on how many children have returned to school already in the eligible year groups -NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR 1 OR YEAR 6. If your child is in one of these year groups, and you have chosen not to send them to school until September then this will allow another child from another year group to be accommodated. However, if you do intend to send your child back to school before September, can you please email us at enquiries@moathall.staffs.sch.uk with an anticipated return date for your child. This will help me to plan for a safe return of pupils from other year groups, up to the school's capacity, taking into consideration the 2m distancing rule. In the meantime, teachers will continue with the home learning for those children in all year groups not currently attending school.

From the 22nd June, the before and after school club provision will re-commence but there will be limited places. If you would be interested in booking this provision, please contact us on the above email.

From the 29th June, the kitchen will begin to provide hot meals again for the children. If your circumstances have changed due to the pandemic it may mean that you are now eligible for Free School Meals and entitled to the £15 weekly supermarket vouchers and Pupil Premium. We encourage you to make an online application by visiting <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/fsmweb>. The decision of entitlement will be made instantly and you should forward a copy of this to school as confirmation of eligibility so we can organise the vouchers for you.

We appreciate how difficult the current situation is and that parents are naturally concerned. The Government is encouraging children to return to school but parents will not be penalised if you decide to keep them at home. We will support you either way but I have been encouraged by the children's adaptability, co-operation and smiling faces this week to try and accommodate as many children as we can whilst keeping their safety as our priority. I feel that this will be of benefit to their academic success as well as their mental well being. I look forward to welcoming ALL my pupils back in school in the not too distant future - until then stay safe.



*Jane King*



## SCHOOL PLACES

We currently have a few spaces in all year groups for September 2020. If you know of any families who are moving to the area, or are thinking of changing schools for personal reasons, please ask them to contact us on 01922 660960 or email [office@moathall.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@moathall.staffs.sch.uk). Obviously transition is slightly different at the moment but information is available on our website and we are happy to answer any questions they may have. Thank you for promoting our school and supporting us to ensure we operate at our full capacity which in turn secures our financial stability to be able to provide the best education for all our children.

Our Pre-School is growing rapidly which includes our 2 year old room, our 3/4 provision and our Nursery. Our Early Years' team are working extremely hard, constantly improving the provision to accommodate the needs of the children. As we have spaces for September 2020, we are offering our current Pre-School parents a free afternoon session for any new family joining us on your recommendation. So please, tell your friends about us and bring them along for a free taster session! They will be made very welcome.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school uniform is available from a variety of outlets, all of which have adapted so that it is safe to shop. Please visit our school website for more information on special offers and appointment systems.

We continue to sell a limited stock of uniform with the school logo and ties from the school office. Unfortunately, with the current situation you will not be able to return items or try them on. Please complete an order form, which is available on the website, and return to school by the end of June so that we can process your order if we do not have it in stock. We will contact you when it is available for collection in time for September. Please make payment on parentpay.



## SAFETY MEASURES IN SCHOOL

- ◆ Pupils are grouped into 'bubbles' of no more than 15
- ◆ Each bubble is supported by a teacher and teaching assistant
- ◆ Pupils are socially distanced in the classroom and 'bubbles' of pupils do not mix
- ◆ Pupils enter and leave school via their own designated doorway to avoid congestion
- ◆ Pupils have their own resources. Any resources that are shared are cleaned before and after use
- ◆ Classrooms, corridors and outside areas are marked to avoid close contact
- ◆ Pupils are supervised to wash their hands several times a day
- ◆ Surfaces, door handles, handrails are cleaned continuously throughout the day
- ◆ Pupils can wear their own clothes to school but these should be clean on every day
- ◆ Only water bottles and sandwich boxes are transferred between home and school. No other items should be brought into school or taken home.

