**Moor Park Primary School Reopening Plan**

**8th March 2021**

The government issued guidance to schools on 22nd February asking for schools to prepare to fully reopen on the 8th March 2021. There continues to be an acknowledgement that social distancing in schools is not possible, particularly when fully open, although we will promote this where possible. A range of approaches and actions will be employed as they have been previously. These can be seen as a hierarchy of controls that, when implemented, creates an inherently safer system, where the risk of transmission of infection is substantially reduced.

These include:

* minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend childcare settings, schools or colleges
* cleaning hands more often than usual - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered
* ensuring good respiratory hygiene - promote the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach
* cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products, such as detergents and bleach
* minimising contact and mixing by altering, as much as possible, the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables (such as staggered break times)
* Twice weekly lateral flow testing for staff
* Adults to wear face coverings when moving around the site, including parents to wear face coverings at drop off/pick up

The children will continue to part of a class ‘bubble’, have a staggered start and end to the day, and a structured cleaning routine. These and other measures will be explained in this guidance.

A high priority will be placed on addressing the impact the two extended closures have had on the children’s well-being and learning. The teachers will be assessing the children on their return and establishing where gaps exist. Additional support will be targeted on key skills. The teachers will continue to provide a high quality and inspiring curriculum which will take account of gaps in learning.

**Whole School Re-Opening**

**School will reopen to children from Monday 8th March 2021.**

**Session Times from 8th March**

To promote safer social distancing practices, we will continue to follow a staggered start and end to the school day.

To limit adults crossing bubbles we will also continue with the earlier finish time on a Wednesday to allow our teaching staff to have their mandatory Planning, Preparation and Assessment time. The support staff will carry out thorough cleaning of the classrooms and resources.

**Nursery**

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 3.00pm

Morning session 9.00am – 12.00 noon

Afternoon session 12.00 noon – 3.00 pm

**Reception**

Monday and Tuesday 9.00am – 3.00pm

Wednesday 9.00am – 1.00pm

Thursday and Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm

**Y1**

Monday and Tuesday 8.45am – 3.00pm

Wednesday 8.45am – 1.00pm

Thursday and Friday 8.45am – 3.00pm

**Y2**

Monday and Tuesday 9.00am – 3.15pm

Wednesday 9.00am – 1.15pm

Thursday and Friday 9.00am – 3.15pm

**Y3 – Y5**

Monday and Tuesday 8.45am – 3.00pm

Wednesday 8.45am – 1.00pm

Thursday and Friday 8.45am – 3.00pm

**Y6**

Monday and Tuesday 9.00am – 3.15pm

Wednesday 9.00am – 1.15pm

Thursday and Friday 9.00am – 3.15pm

**Drop off and Pick up:**

Adults should wear a face covering when on the school site, unless medically exempt. Only one person should drop off or pick up and we ask that social distancing of at least 2 metres is adhered to. If your child is being picked up by an older sibling, please can we ask that they come on to our site alone and follow the social distancing measure. If waiting for children, please keep 2 metres apart and move away from thoroughfares.

**No one experiencing Coronavirus symptoms should come onto the site or be sending their child into school.**

There will be hand sanitiser available on entry to the classroom and the children will be directed to use it when they enter and when they leave the school premises. There will be a member of staff there to supervise and welcome the children. On pick up staff will send your child out to you. We ask that parents waiting on the playground comply with social distancing rules at all times. We ask that you leave the premises as soon as you have collected your child to avoid gatherings of people.

**There is no parking on the school car park at any time**

**Groupings (explanation)**

The children will be in class and year group bubbles. This is to minimise the number of social interactions, and to assist the ‘test and trace’ system. They will have the same teacher and support staff wherever possible. Children will mostly mix with their peers in their class and on occasion their year group peers. Staff belong to a Year Group Bubble. This will provide a greater level of flexibility for providing intervention work. Staff who work as welfare assistants (lunch cover) will be assigned to a limited number of classes and will supervise the children outside. These might be across Year Group Bubbles to account for staggered lunch breaks. The children will be encouraged to play with the children in their Year Group Bubble only.

**Reception**

Due to the nature of early years curriculum and provision, the children work across the year group. We will attempt to minimise the risk of spreading the virus by utilising all the classroom spaces, break out areas and outdoor provision and by reducing the amount of equipment/surfaces used; continually cleaning and have regular hand washing. The children will also be working in smaller groups within each area.

**Lunchtimes & Playtimes:**

These will be staggered so a smaller number of pupils are on the playground. The children will be encouraged to play with those children in their bubbles and will be in zones on the playground, supervised by a member of staff at all times.

**School dinners will resume. If you wish your child to have a school dinner, please use SchoolGrid to order and pay for meals.**

Lunch will be eaten in classrooms and brought to the children from the kitchen if they are having a school dinner.

**Curriculum**

Your child’s class teacher will be assessing the children on the learning covered during the lockdown period. Priority will be given to core key skills and concepts.

**Home Learning**

Your child will receive some home learning activities through Microsoft Teams. This will not only support their learning in school and provide catch-up content but will also provide a consistent and effective means of progressing through the taught curriculum should there be a need for a further school lockdown or period of self-isolation.

**Extended Day:**

The Breakfast and After School Club will re-open from the 8th March. Please use our booking system to secure a place.

Please note that keeping children in separate bubbles is not possible from the 8th March, due to our staffing capacity. The staff will encourage the children to play in smaller groups and where possible match the bubbles from the school day. The children will also be encouraged to play outside where appropriate.

Please contact Mrs Neilson should you have any further queries or concerns by emailing the school admin address

[admin@moor-park.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@moor-park.blackpool.sch.uk) and put for the attention of Mrs Neilson Breakfast and After School Club Manager

**Sickness:**

If a child or staff member has symptoms of Coronavirus they must not come to school. Staff will inform the headteacher and testing will be arranged. Anyone who develops symptoms must not come to school for 10 days unless they have been tested and the results of the test are negative.

If a child or staff member develops symptoms in school they must leave the site as quickly as possible avoiding contact with others. The child will be taken to the isolation room whilst their parents are telephoned to pick them up. Siblings will also be brought to the room. They will be supervised by staff who will wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The area will be thoroughly cleaned by that staff member when the child is picked up. If a staff member becomes unwell, a test will be arranged. Anyone who has developed symptoms in school must stay at home for 10 days unless tested and found to be negative.

If any children or staff test positive, the rest of their class and bubble should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 10 days. The other household members of that wider class or bubble do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group, subsequently develops symptoms.

**PPE (Personal Protective Equipment):**

The government guidance is clear that PPE should only be worn in specific circumstances in school. It will not be worn by children. Staff will only wear it if having to work closely with a child, for example, administering first aid or intimate care. PPE will also be worn by any staff member supervising a child who has symptoms of Coronavirus whilst they wait to be picked up by a parent.

**School Uniform:**

We ask that all children wear their school uniform, including appropriate footwear.

On PE days your child is asked to wear their PE kit to school. In order to stay warm your child can wear this in conjunction with a tracksuit or their uniform trousers/skirt. Your child should wear pumps or trainers. Your class teacher will send a reminder of your child’s PE days. If you have any concerns around school uniform, then please contact us.

Please be advised that jewellery (except for small stud earrings), accessories such as scarfs, large hair ribbons and bows, or any other non-essential item of clothing IS NOT PERMITTED. Children will be asked to remove any non-essential item and this will be sent home.

**We ask that children only bring these items to school:**

* **Small bag (if needed for a reading book)**
* **Water bottle**
* **Lunch box (if not on school dinners)**
* **Reading book**

**Medically Vulnerable Children and Vulnerable Family Members:**

If you believe your child or a family member are medically vulnerable, please contact school on 01253 353034 or email [admin@moor-park.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@moor-park.blackpool.sch.uk) to discuss this.

**SEND Pupils:**

Our children have a range of needs and we will need to plan accordingly to ensure the well-being of specific pupils so that they have a safe and successful return to school. Please contact Mrs Rhodes should you wish to discuss anything further. [jane.rhodes@moor-park.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:jane.rhodes@moor-park.blackpool.sch.uk)

**Well-being support**

We understand that families will have been impacted in different ways. Your child’s well-being is of the upmost importance to us and we are here to help in any way that we can. Please make contact with either your child’s class teacher, Mrs Howson (our family worker), Mrs Parton (our safeguarding lead), Mr Kirkpatrick (Deputy Head), Mrs Rhodes (Assistant Head and SENCO), Mrs Jefferson (Assistant Head) or Mrs Magson (Headteacher) if you are concerned about your child.

**Attendance**:

School attendance is mandatory. This means that the usual rules on school attendance will apply, including;

* Parents’ duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is of compulsory school age
* Schools’ responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
* The availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with Local Authorities codes of conduct

Where a pupil is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical and/or public health advice, they will be offered remote education. If your child has received a medical shielding letter, then please contact Mr Kirkpatrick or Mrs Magson to discuss further.

**Restrictions for Staff:**

Staff will only be allowed into the classrooms they are assigned and must not enter another room. The Staff have different areas to take their break and lunchtime in which is line with their year group bubble. Restrictions will continue to be in place.

The School Office will only be accessed by Office Staff, member of the Senior Leadership Team and the Headteacher. Should a staff member have a query with the office, please go to the door and stand back. Registers will be delivered and picked up being left outside classroom doors and wiped.

**Visitors to school:**

Only essential visitors to school will be allowed on site. An example of an essential visitor would be a contractor completing the weekly water tests which are statutory and, in not doing them, would potentially affect the health of the school community. Other essential visitors such as; a school advisor, or school Governor, will be asked to conduct a lateral flow test before working with children and other staff. Parents will only be able to come onto the site to drop off and pickup children. Any concerns that need to be discussed with a staff member need to be done via telephone, email or Teams as this will help to ensure the safety of both staff and parents.

**School policies:**

Key school policies such as Behaviour and Safeguarding Policies will be reviewed and amended (if required) as an interim measure whilst there are the current restrictions and will be communicated effectively to either staff or children.

**Review:**

The Governing Body, in consultation with the Headteacher, will keep the plan under constant review considering changes in government guidance, views of our community, good practice in other settings and learning from what is an evolving situation for us all. Any changes will be communicated with parents.

Mrs Joanne Magson (Headteacher)

Mrs Jean Martin (Chair of Governors)

26th February 2021