



# Moorfield News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the end of term, this will be my last newsletter of the school year and what a year it has been! I don't think any of us thought this time last year we would go through another national lockdown like we did in the spring term and have to manage so much disruption in school with staff and children having to self isolate—this half term particularly. I would like to thank staff, children, parents and families for your support and pulling together through this difficult school year. Let's hope September gives us some normality as all we want is to provide the best possible education for your children.

## **September 2021**

I wanted to share with you at the earliest opportunity our plans for September in light of the current Covid-19 pandemic. Any subsequent changes made by the DfE over the holiday period will be communicated to you before the start of the new term.

We will be reverting back to school starting at 8.55am, however school gates will open from 8.45am and the children will go straight in to class on arrival. There will be no lining up. Drop off in KS1 will continue on the KS1 playground and KS2 parents will drop their children off at the KS2 gates. We will still be operating the one way system currently in place on both playgrounds.

We will have different provisions in place for the first two days (Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September) on the KS2 playground so the children become familiar with their new surroundings. Teachers and TA's will be waiting for the children in 'zones' on the playground and they will be taken to their new classroom for these two days only.

**We ask that the new Year 3 children arrive at school at 9.10am on the first day only so we can welcome parents and children on to the playground as the children move into KS2.**

School will finish daily at 3.15pm in Reception and KS1 and 3.20pm in KS2. We ask that parents and carers collecting children continue to socially distance and leave the school premises immediately once their child has been handed over, again using the one way system in place.

You will have received this week our new policy 'Walking to and from School' via a Google form. If you wish your child to be picked up by a sibling at secondary school then please complete Appendix 1. If your child is in Year 6 in September and you are allowing them to walk home alone then you must complete Appendix 2. Please contact the school office if you didn't receive this form. We will not be allowing any children to go home with siblings or Year 6's to travel home unaccompanied without these permission forms completed.

Lyndhurst Avenue is a very busy road throughout the day and especially busy at the start and end of the school day. I ask again that you please park away from the school and use our lollypop person to cross the road safely where you can.



### **Transition**

We are hopeful that we will be able to provide a transition hour for your child on Monday next week at 9.30am (weather dependent), as it must be held outside to reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19. The forecast for Monday looks good at the moment so we are all hoping for an enjoyable hour. We are providing you with an 'all about me' sheet so you and your child are able to familiarise yourselves with your new teacher. There is also one from me, our new Deputy Headteacher, Miss Pugh and our Inclusion Lead, Mr Swire. These should follow soon after you receive this newsletter.

Please be aware that Mrs Gates, Year 5 in September is unfortunately unable to attend our transition hour, however she has spent a great deal of time with the class already this half term.

### **Year 6**

Year 6 will finish the year on Tuesday with an end of year picnic, fun and games and an ice-cream! We wish them all the best as they move on to the next stage of their educational journey and thank them for all they have given to Moorfield. It has been great to see them back in school this week after isolation wearing their leavers hoodies and t-shirts.

### **Goodbye and Thank you**

We are saying goodbye to three teachers who have given years of service to Moorfield since the 1990's! Mrs Bailey, Mrs Elder and Mr Collinson have done so much for the children here in their teaching careers and have even taught some of you who are now parents of children at Moorfield. Their commitment to this school and the community it serves is unquestionable and even though I have only known them for a relatively short time, I would personally like to thank them all for everything they have done for this school. Everyone at Moorfield wishes you well in your next adventure.

Unfortunately Mrs Elder is self-isolating so she won't be in school for the final two days. If any of you want to pass on any cards and/or presents then please give them to Mrs Baker at the classroom door or Mrs Pye and Mrs Robinson in the school office.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Whitehead (TA in Year 4) who starts on her journey to becoming a teacher. Thank you for all the support you have provided Year 4 this year and good luck in your journey to becoming a teacher.

### **End of Term**

We finish for the summer break on Tuesday 27th July and we return for the new school year on Thursday 2nd September 2021. We look forward to seeing all the children in full school uniform in September and our Year 6 wearing their new black jumpers or cardigans.

I hope you all have a great summer and a great break. I look forward to seeing all of you in the new school year.

Best wishes,

Paul Anderson  
Headteacher