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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to a return to school for all of our pupils next week. I shared the majority of the key information in last week's letter but I think it is appropriate to remind all of our school community about a few key points to take on board before Monday.

Protective Measures

Firstly we want to reassure you that the school will continue to implement the protective measures to keep your child safe upon their return to Moorfield. We have updated our risk assessment to reflect any changes in circumstances pertaining to the full return of pupils and will communicate any future changes to you as and when we make them.

The government guidance for primary school is largely unchanged; it details the inclusion of lateral flow testing for staff which we have had in place for a number of weeks now. Please note that whilst children in primary schools are not asked to wear face coverings and will not be tested with LFDs, parents and households of primary age pupils can now access lateral flow tests, should they wish, via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

As you are aware, we are operating class 'bubbles' and it is imperative that parents and carers do everything they can to ensure their children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. However, concerns have been raised by staff and parents that some of our children and families are mixing outside of their bubbles. We have recently had children actively sharing that they are going to a friend's house for tea or a 'sleep over'. If you are in a childcare bubble this should be with only one other household for the purposes of childcare.

We want to ensure that we are following the government guidelines to keep our school community safe, therefore lockdown and social distancing guidelines should be observed at all times. Some of our staff are vulnerable themselves and/or have family members that are vulnerable or shielding and our teachers and support staff are putting their own safety at risk. We should be confident that our school community is doing their bit to follow the lockdown rules.

This request is not designed to upset or offend any of you but more to act as a reminder of our collective responsibility to beat the pandemic and to help reduce the risk to our whole school community; children, parents, staff and their families, whilst we wait for the vaccine to be rolled out to the whole UK adult population.

Our school community has been fantastic during this difficult time but we need everybody to continue their efforts for what will only be a few more months.

Confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the school will be managed in line with current Public Health guidance. This means your child may be asked to self-isolate for 10 days by the school (based on advice from PHE teams) if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for the virus. It is vital that families stick to this guidance:

What to do if I or somebody in my household has COVID-19 symptoms:

- Child shouldn't attend school
- Household member with symptoms should get a test
- Whole household self isolates while waiting for test result
- Inform school immediately about test results

Back to school when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms.



What to do if my child has COVID-19 symptoms:

- Child shouldn't attend school
- Child should get a test
- Whole household self isolates while waiting for test result
- Inform school immediately about test results

Back to school when child's test comes back negative provided they have been fever free for the 48 hours before returning to school, and feel well.



Reconnecting with school

The aim of the next three weeks in the lead up to the end of term will be to support all pupils with reconnecting with their peers and teachers as well as addressing any gaps or misconceptions in learning. Attached to this letter is a document from Stockport Schools Psychology Service which aims to support families on their return to school on Monday. If you or your child are anxious or worried about returning to school this document has useful information to support you.

Collection at the end of the school day

Now all of our pupils are returning, can I please remind you for safeguarding purposes, that we are unable to allow any child to be collected at the end of the school day by a person outside of your authorised contacts, without your permission. If you require someone else to collect your child on your behalf, **you must ring the school** to inform us who will be collecting your child and provide a description of the individual if they are unknown to us. If they are unknown to us, we will ask the individual who is collecting your child for proof of identification, and they should be ready to provide this.

We appreciate your cooperation with following these procedures and we wish to reassure you that we will always be understanding of valid explanations and emergencies.

Friday afternoon and staggered times

We will no longer be finishing after lunch on a Friday and will return to our staggered end of the day times. These staggered times went out in last week's letter but they are here for your convenience. For those with children in Kaleidoscope you will see a slight alteration to time to coincide with the arrival of taxis on the school site.

Year Group	Start time	Finish time	Entrance	Exit
Reception	8.55	3.10	Rec/KS1 Playground	Gate by pre-school
Year 1	9.05	3.20		
Year 2	9.15	3.30		
Year 3	8.45	3.00	KS2 Playground	Gate next to the car park (entrance to school office)
Year 4	8.55	3.10		
Year 5	9.05	3.20		
Year 6	9.15	3.30		
Kaleidoscope	8.45	3.00	Car Park	
Siblings	9.00	3.15		

School meals - an update

We spoke with our schools meal provider, Taylor Shaw on Thursday to find a way forward for hot meals throughout the rest of the school year whilst still keeping class bubbles apart. We were told that we can expect extra staff to be employed over the coming weeks so we can utilise our two kitchens and provide hot meals across the week to all classes. Please bear with us as we implement this either before or after the Easter break which is dependent on when new staff are employed.

Warm clothes

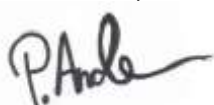
Although the weather is slowly getting warmer, it may still be necessary to send your child to school with an extra fleece or jumper for the next few weeks to ensure they stay warm in the classroom. We will continue to have windows and doors open to support ventilation across the school.

World Book Day

Thank you to all who took part and a reminder that the World Book Day Quiz is open until Thursday 11th March. You should find this on your class Dojo pages. The MHSA have kindly donated a lovely prize for the winning team/ family.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming all the children back to school next week.

Best wishes,



Paul Anderson
Headteacher

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