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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to school after the 6 weeks summer break. We hope you all enjoyed your time at home with your children.

All our pupils have arrived back into school safe and well. We would also like to welcome all our new children who have started at Moorgate for the first time this week. It is lovely to see them looking so smart in their school uniforms. They are a credit to you!

Please see below some key information for Parents/Carers:-

Parent Information Sessions

As previously communicated before the end of last term, we will be holding parent information sessions for Nursery, Reception and Years 1 - 6 for both parents and pupils to attend. These sessions will be held in your child's classroom.

The following dates and times have been allocated to give parent/carers with children in different year groups/Key Stages the opportunity to speak to their child's teacher. If parents have children in the same Key Stage where these sessions clash, please speak to your child's class teacher.

KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	Thursday 8th September 2022:	3.00pm
KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)	Thursday 8th September 2022:	3.20pm
Reception	Thursday 15th September 2022:	3.00pm
Nursery	Thursday 15th September 2022:	11.15am (Morning Children) 3.00pm (Afternoon & Full Time)

During this meeting, your child's teacher will outline the class timetable so that parents are familiar with which days PE/games will be held and what homework will be set, etc.

School Activity Clubs

Many after school activity clubs have been set up and arranged by our teaching staff and teaching assistants to enrich your child's learning. A list of clubs will follow this week with instructions on how to book these via our new School Gateway App. The clubs will run every week and will change on a half

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termly basis to give other children a chance to take part. Clubs will start week commencing 12th September, and will only be cancelled in exceptional circumstances, which we will inform you of as soon as we are able.
Sun Club (Before and After School Club)

We continue to offer our Sunrise Club and Sunset Club for parents who require additional childcare before and after school. The cost for this club is £4.00 per hour and all bookings must be made via the new School Gateway App. Please speak to the school office for more information.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for children in Nursery (full time) and Years 3 to 6 will be £11.50 per week (£2.30 per day). All children in Reception, Years 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive a Universal Free School Meal. All dinner money must be paid in advance via ParentPay or via cash to your child's class teacher or the school office. Please ensure any money is in a sealed envelope detailing your child's name, class and amount enclosed. If you require a ParentPay code, please speak to the school office.

Snack Money

All children at Moorgate receive a daily breakfast snack. Although this is subsidised by school, we kindly ask for a 50p contribution per child per week (£1.00 in Nursery and Mini Moorgate). Please can this be given to your child's class teacher.

Texting / Email Service

The majority of our parents already know about our texting and email service to parents. Parents will receive texts and emails about school events, trips and general school information. Please ensure we have your correct mobile telephone number and email so that we can continue our communications successfully. **Please note that the parent who is first contact will receive the text messages and emails will be sent to the first and second contact.**

Class Dojo

ClassDojo is a parent communication app we use at Moorgate where we post school information and updates about your child's learning in their specific class. If parents have not already signed up to receive updates or are having trouble logging in, please speak to Mrs Ramsden in the school office to obtain a code. **Please can we ask that parents do not use Class Dojo to report pupil's absences.**

Attendance

Can we remind you of the school's commitment to improve attendance. The Government requirement for an individual child's attendance is 90% or above. Last year our whole school attendance target was 95.70%. Unfortunately, due to the impact of COVID we failed to meet our target. We have therefore decided to leave the target at 95.70% for this year. Now that all COVID restrictions have been lifted we will be focussing, once again, on not only achieving our target but exceeding it. We will be monitoring pupil attendance very carefully and pride ourselves on offering a variety of awards to celebrate good attendance for pupils. Details of these can be found in the attendance policy on the school website.



The subject of holidays taken in term-time is a difficult one. Whilst we do not condone parents taking their children out of school, we do appreciate that it is sometimes difficult to book a family holiday during the school holidays. However, we would ask for your co-operation in **not** taking your child out of school for any reason. If it is necessary for you to request time off, a leave of absence form should be completed and returned to school. Please be aware that if parents choose to take their child out of school for holidays, the absence will be recorded as “unauthorised”.

Thank you once again for your support of Moorgate school for the forthcoming year. We look forward to seeing you at the parent information sessions.

Yours sincerely,

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