



Friday 3rd July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this finds you and your family well. Yesterday, we received further Government guidance for full opening of schools in September and I am writing to you to give you an update.

The Government have directed schools to open for all pupils in September and to offer full time provision. They have recognised the negative impact that not attending school is having on children both academically as well as socially and emotionally. Attendance of children will be compulsory. We understand that you may have worries and concerns about your child returning to school. We will work hard to reassure and support families and children to return.

As you are aware, Moorside has remained open throughout the pandemic providing care for the children of key workers and vulnerable children. In the last two weeks, we have opened more widely to priority year groups Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. This week, we opened further to include Year 5 children. We currently have over 140 children attending school daily. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers who have been completely respectful of the measures implemented around drop offs and pickups including maintaining social distance from other adults and adhering to the one way systems.

Due to the number of children currently attending school, we have already implemented a large number of the recommendations set out in the guidance to reduce the risk for children and adults such as staggered drop offs and pickups, creating bubbles of children, encouraging distancing, rearranging classrooms, providing personalised equipment for every child and extensive hygiene measures. The control measures which have been put in place have been effective. We will now need to plan how to extend and develop these further in readiness for September and adjust our risk assessment accordingly. Once all these plans are in place, I will write again to update you.

In other school news, we will be sending out school reports in the next few weeks. A survey has been sent to parents by text and through Dojo which requests your email address. If you have not already done so, please complete this as without an email address we will not be able to send your child's report. The reports need to be sent individually by encrypted email to comply with GDPR. This may mean that some year groups' reports are sent earlier than others as it will not be possible to send them all on the same day. Before the children finish, you will receive information about next year including new arrangements in line with the risk assessment and information about your child's next teacher. Just a reminder that school will be closing for summer to all children on Thursday 23rd July. Children will return to school on Wednesday 2nd September.

Thank you for your continued patience, consideration and support during this time – it is very much appreciated by all staff at Moorside.

Kind regards,

Mrs M Taylor, Principal.

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