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Memo to Parents

Dear parents/carers,

First of all can we say a massive thank you for all your support over recent weeks. Parents, children and staff have pulled together at a really tough time and we are so proud of the Mossy Lea family. It has been great to keep in touch over Facebook, Class Dojo and Seesaw and to see what you have been up to at home.

Following the government guidance, to open schools for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children from 1st June, we have been given permission from the Local Authority to **fully re-open** Mossy Lea, due to the numbers on roll. This is subject to change depending on further government guidance. We appreciate that you will have lots of questions and you may be feeling worried but, we want to reassure you that we are implementing every possible measure to keep the children and staff as safe as possible. The routines of school will have to change and these changes are outlined below:

Drop off and pick up

Children may be dropped off at school between **08:45 and 09:30** and collected between **15:00 and 15:30**. We have staggered school drop off and collection times in order to reduce group gatherings. Please use the school carpark and the side entrance, as this is a larger space than the front door.

Drop off: We are advising parents to park their car and let their child make their way independently to the side door, where either a member of staff will be waiting to let them in or they can ring the bell. If you walk to school then please wait at the car park entrance whilst your child enters via the side door. Once your child has entered the school building you may leave. Upon entry, children will be issued with hand sanitiser and temperatures will be checked (using a contactless thermometer).

Collection: If driving, please park in the school car park and ring the side bell. If you arrive at school at the same time as another parent, please remain in your car until the other child has been collected and they have vacated the area. If you are walking, please ring the side bell on arrival and again, if another parent is already at the side door, please remain at the gates until they have returned to their car, before approaching the side door.

If you need to speak to Gill in the office, please drop your child off first; do not bring them to the office. Please knock on her window (so that she is aware that you are entering the building) and then enter. Gill will remain in her office and you can speak to her from a 2m distance.

As we try to limit contact between adults and children, we ask that if you need to speak to a member of staff, you ring the school office or message via Class Dojo rather than speaking to them on the door.

Routines

If your child is attending school, we ask them not to bring any belongings from home. This includes book bags and PE kits. We will not be sending home reading books but you could access books at your child's reading level via Bug Club. Please send a Class Dojo message if you require login details. The school kitchen will be open as normal and your child is welcome to have a school meal or bring a packed lunches. We ask that all children bring their own water bottle into school. Your child may wear trainers and shorts, jeans or joggers and their school t-shirt. In order to reduce risk, your child's clothes should be washed daily and they should shower when they return from school.

Until further notice, we will be unable to administer medication in school. If your child requires medication, we ask that a parent comes to school to administer it.

Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast Club will be open as normal from 08:00, with After School closing at 17:00. This will be charged at the normal rate. Tuesday and Friday's free after school PE will not be on offer. Please use the normal systems to book your child in. Breakfast Club and After School Club children should be dropped off and picked up from the side door.

If your child becomes unwell

If your child or a member of your household becomes unwell with a continuous cough or temperature, above 38°C, they should isolate at home for 14 days.

In order to reduce the risk of infection in school, we will test every child and adult's temperature using a contactless thermometer when they come into school. If your child becomes unwell in school, we will call you to collect them as we normally do. In order to reduce the risk of spreading any illness, your child will wait with a member of staff in the meeting room. The member of staff waiting with the child will wear PPE including a mask, gloves and apron before going home to follow washing procedures. You will be asked to collect your child from the side door. Children in school are now eligible for a COVID19 test. If your child tests negative, they may return to school. If your child tests positive, you must let school know as soon as possible and the other children and staff in school must isolate for 14 days.

Children learning from home

If you decide not to send your child to school, you may wish to continue home learning activities. As Antonella will now be responsible for teaching in school, she will be unable to set daily work on Seesaw. However, there are a wide range of fantastic home learning resources available. These include:

- Oak Academy (daily lessons)
- BBC Bitesize (daily lessons)
- Bug Club
- Espresso
- MyMaths
- Phonics Play
- Twinkl
- Timestable Rockstars
- Numbots

We will also be sending home a new curricular letter and Homework Menu with home learning ideas. If you require any support or login details, please send a Class Dojo message.

Attendance

Government guidance states that parents will not be issued with fines if their child does not attend school. However, parents are still required to let the school know if their child will not be attending. Please ring the school office as normal on the day of the absence.

Supporting your child in school

We know that this has been a difficult time for many children and our first aim is to support them in coming back to school and adjusting to new routines. Although things will be different, we will try to make the days as relaxed, normal and fun as possible. We will talk to them about the changes, put their minds at rest and be here to help them with anything they need.

Once again, thank you for your patience and support. We look forward to welcoming the children back to Mossy Lea. We will set up zoom meeting for any parents who wish to discuss the opening of school at **12pm on Thursday, 21st May**. Following this meeting, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Antonella or Andy.

Although this is how we intend to come back to school, these plans could change depending on government guidance and we will keep you updated.