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Memo to Parents

Mossy Lea has always had an incredibly strong partnership between home and school. That has never been more important than over the last period of lockdown. You have supported us and our delivery of teaching and we appreciate the challenge that it will have been for households juggling work and home-schooling. Parents, children and staff have pulled together at a really tough time and we are so proud of everybody at Mossy Lea.

Following government guidance on the Monday, 22nd February 2021, we will open school for all pupils from Monday, 8th March 2021. Be assured that pupil, parent and staff safety is **STILL** the number one priority when we return to school- nothing is more important, nothing will come above that and we've tried our very, very best to put every measure in place to achieve this.

At the time of writing this, the atmosphere is positive, staff and children alike are excited about our imminent return to school. Whilst optimistic about this, we must advise caution against complacency. Here at school we are refreshing our risk assessments, safety protocols, and signage. We must remember that we have not had our children and staff in school together since Monday, 4th January. Together, we must proceed with caution and remember that we are by no means at the finish line.

Drop off and pick up

Children may be dropped off at school between **08:45 and 09:00** and collected between **15:15 and 15:30**. We have slightly 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 and stay in 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 and had their temperature checked (using a contactless thermometer), you may leave. Upon entry, children will be issued with hand sanitiser.

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.

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

We are once again able to return to some of our normal routines although some things will be different.

We will resume the use of **reading books**.

- Reception children will have their books changed once a week, on a Monday. They will be sent four books per week, two phonics and two home readers. Books should be returned on a Friday. Books will be kept in isolation over the weekend to decontaminate and new books issued on a Monday.
- Children in Years 1 and 2 will be issued with a phonics book once a week on a Monday. The children will be able to change their home reading books as often as they wish. When the children come to return the books they will place the book in a box within their classroom. The boxes will be left untouched all week and books returned to the central store on a Monday after the 48 hour weekend decontamination window.
- Children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 will be able to change their books as often as they wish. When the children come to return the books they will place the book in a box within their classroom. The boxes will be left untouched all week and books returned to the central store on a Monday after the 48 hour weekend decontamination window.

Children are asked to bring in their red school book bag with **only** their reading book and reading record, **no other personal belongings**. In order to reduce risk, your child's clothes should be washed daily and they should shower when they return from school. This may mean that full school uniform is not always possible and we completely understand that. PE kits are to be brought into school and will remain in school until the end of the half term, as normal.

The school kitchen will be open as normal and your child is welcome to have a school meal or bring a packed lunch. You will receive a Class Dojo message next week outlining the menu for the w/b 8th March. Lunches must come in either a carrier bag that can be binned daily or a small lunch bag/box that can be cleaned easily. We also ask that all children bring their own water bottle into school. The water fountains will not be in use.

We will not be taking children on any day trips or residential. The guidance on day trips and residential is being reviewed in April.

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. If your child uses an inhaler, an adult will supervise them doing so.

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 (until 16:30) will be on offer again. **Please book your child in, for before and after school club, on the lunch menu slip sent home each Friday.** 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, 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 Antonella in the meeting room. Antonella will wear PPE including a mask, gloves and apron before going home to follow washing procedures.

If your child tests negative, they may return to school when their symptoms have gone. Please Class Dojo Antonella with your results.

If your child tests positive, **you must let school know as soon as possible** as the other children and staff in their class must isolate for 10 days.

If your child is awaiting test results for any reason (medical or research) we kindly ask that they not attend school.

If a child in your child's class is sent home with symptoms of COVID19, we will inform you whilst maintaining the confidentiality of the child. If a child in your child's class is tested positive, we will inform you as soon as possible and provide advice on isolating.

Attendance

Government guidance states that school attendance will become mandatory again from 8th March and we will return to our usual school policies and procedures on this. If your child is instructed to self-isolate their attendance will not be affected and work will be set on SeeSaw including referral to home-learning menu activities.

In the event of a whole-school closure, we will inform you through, with as much notice as possible, through the medium of Class Dojo and email. Lessons will be zoomed out and a timetable will be sent out to you.

Supporting your child in school

We know that this has been a difficult time for all children and their families. Our first aim is to support them in coming back to school, adjusting to the routines and joy of being back in school, safely. We will return to a tailored, engaging curriculum that will continue to support children in making progress and bridging gaps.

Once again, thank you for your patience and unwavering support of the school. We are so excited to welcome all of the children back to Mossy Lea again in March.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

Andy and Antonella