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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.

Following government guidance, we will open school for all pupils from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We appreciate that you will have lots of questions and you may be feeling worried but please be assured that pupil, parent and staff safety is **STILL** the number one priority when we return to school. 100% the first priority. 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. Some routines of school will change and these changes are outlined below:

### **Drop off and pick up**

Children may be dropped off at school between **08:45 and 09:15** 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 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**

Following government guidance, we are now able to return to some of our normal routines although some things will be different. We are able to resume the use of reading books and we will send home new books once a week from September. We will change all children's books once a week on a Monday and collect in the books on a Friday. Children

will not bring home books over the weekend. This is to ensure the books are clean before redistributing on the Monday. Bug Club will continue to be available for reading over the weekend.

Children are asked to bring in a book bag with only their reading book and reading record, **on a Monday and Friday only. Please do not allow your child to bring in any 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. We also ask that all children bring their own water bottle into school. The water fountains will not be in use, however, staff may fill up an empty bottle if need be.

The school kitchen will be open as normal and your child is welcome to have a school meal or bring a packed lunch.

We will not be taking children on any day trips or residential in the Autumn term.

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, via Class Dojo.** 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.

Children in school are now eligible for a COVID19 test. If your child tests negative, they may return to school when their symptoms have gone. If your child tests positive, you must let school know as soon as possible and the other children and staff in their class must isolate for 14 days.

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 September 2020 and we will return to our usual school policies and procedures on this.

## **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. We will then be looking at the areas of the curriculum that the children have missed due to the school closure. We will implement a tailored, engaging curriculum that will, over the course of the year, support children in closing the gap that will have inevitably been created over recent months.

Although we intend that school will fully reopen in September, we will continue to follow government guidance. In the event of a local lockdown or school closure, we will keep you updated on our plans, including home learning.

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 in September. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

We hope you have a lovely, restful summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September!

Antonella and Andy