



# Moorfield Primary School

*Vibrant Loving Proud*

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## Plans for Re-opening School in September

Please refer to :<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you all well in these very strange and challenging times. We have really missed both the children and families and are looking forward positively to September.

Since school was forced to close to the majority of children in March, there has been a lot for you all to cope with and we understand that the extended absence for many children will mean that they may be more anxious than usual about coming back. I want to reassure you all that we are working very hard to ensure that the well-being of all children will be our first priority in September. Teachers and support staff will be very sensitive to individual needs and will use our first Wellbeing topic to address some of the experiences and feelings that children may have

I apologise that this letter may be longer than usual, but there is lots of important information to share with you before September. I urge you to **read it carefully** and take note of the details within it so that everybody can work together to ensure the term begins smoothly.

### Safety Procedures

School has remained open throughout this period of lock down and we have implemented new procedures to ensure children are kept safe and well. In September, the guidance for schools has changed slightly and I will set out the main things you will need to be aware of:

- As far as possible, we will keep children within their own bubbles to reduce the amount of contact they have with others. There will be five bubbles to allow us to operate our maths and English curriculum effectively: Bubble 1- EYFS; Bubble 2 -Year 1 and Year 2; Bubble 3- Year 3 and Year 4; Bubble 4- Year 5 and Bubble 5- Year 6.
- Lunchtimes and playtimes will be organised so that children remain in their bubbles to avoid too much contact with others
- The furniture and layout of classrooms will be slightly different, with children facing forwards and avoiding face to face contact.
- There will be hand sanitising stations at all entrance points and teachers will continue to ensure that regular hand washing takes place – particularly after transition points in the day.
- All classes will have specific entrance and exit points and drop off and pick up times. **PLEASE REFER TO THE ATTCHED DOCUMENT WITH YOUR INDIVIDUAL TIMES.**

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- 'Funky Monkeys' will also have a specific entrance and exit point and drop off and pick up times for those children in their care
- There will be a one way system operating at each of the entrance and exit points around the school building and we request that parents and carers leave the site quickly and avoid chatting with each other.
- Parents will NOT be allowed onto the school grounds. If you need to talk to a member of staff, please use email address [sec.moorfield@halton.gov.uk](mailto:sec.moorfield@halton.gov.uk) or telephone the School Office 0151 424 3108.
- We will also ask that parents/carers avoid getting into conversations with teachers at these entrance and exit points and request a telephone call if something needs to be discussed.
- To support any families who may be confused or unsure about procedures, on the first day back to school (3<sup>RD</sup> September) we will operate 'Practice sessions' for each year group. On this day children will be shown where to stand and which classroom to go to.

### **School Attendance in September**

If you have been following the news, you will know now that school attendance is mandatory in September for all school aged children. Therefore, our usual attendance procedures will resume when the new academic year begins and parents need to be aware that failure to attend may lead to penalty notices being issued by the Local Authority.

### **What to do if you, your child or anyone in your household has symptoms or becomes unwell**

COVID 19 has been a very difficult thing for everyone to come to terms with and it is only by everyone being vigilant and responsible that we will be able to beat it. Included in this pack is further information about the measures that you **must take** if your child or anyone else in the family becomes unwell.

### **Uniform, Book Bags and PE Kits**

When we return in September, we will expect that all children are wearing full school uniform. Children will not need a school bag for the first term. Each child will be given a zip wallet to take reading books to and from school and all other materials will stay in school.

### **School Uniform Reminder**

Please can I remind everyone of acceptable uniform, which is available from Boydells:

#### **Boys**

White long sleeve, formal shirt and school tie  
 Navy V-neck school jumper with logo  
 Slate grey tailored long trousers (no skinny trousers)  
 Grey socks

## Girls

White long sleeved, formal shirt and school tie  
Tartan kilt / skirt / pinafore/ tailored slate grey trousers  
Navy, knee length socks / tights

## Shoes

Black shoes / flat heeled black shoes i.e. shoes that can be polished and stay securely on children's feet. (Trainers/canvas pumps or slip on shoes are not permitted). To avoid any confusion over permitted footwear, please see examples.

### Acceptable footwear



### Unacceptable footwear



**Waterproof coat with a hood** – children will be outside as much as possible including on days where there is light rain.

## Hairstyles

Please ensure that your child does not come to school with an extreme hairstyle or a hairstyle that becomes a distraction during lessons and hinders learning – for example, an overly long fringe. All long hair should be tied back with plain black/blue bobbles /and or a thin blue ribbon only.

## PE

PE will be a bit different for at least the first term .To accommodate timetabling restrictions, children will have one long PE session outside, instead of two short ones Please note that **ALL PE LESSONS WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE** unless it is raining heavily. Your child **MUST** have the correct outdoor PE kit for colder weather.

- All PE sessions will begin the week of 7/9/20
- Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on their PE day
- If your child is swimming during the first half term. they will need to come to school in their uniform and bring their swimming kit to school in a small bag

## PE timetable for autumn term 1: 7/9/20- 23/10/20

<u>Class</u>	<u>PE Day</u>
EYFS	Wednesday from 30.9.20
Year 1 Miss Hayes	Tuesday
Year 1 / 2 Mrs Caswell	Tuesday
Year 2 Mrs Taylor	Tuesday
Year 3 Mrs Cooke	Monday
Year 3 / 4 Miss Scott	Wednesday
Year 4 Miss Riley	Monday
Year 5 Miss Smith	Monday swimming
Year 6 Mrs Hunt and Mrs Rowlands	Monday swimming

### Clothing for PE

- **Indoor/warm weather PE kit** - White school T-shirt with logo and school navy shorts (no cycling shorts). A change of socks is also required i.e. white ankle socks. Black canvas pumps.
- **Outdoor/ cold weather PE kit** – Navy school hoodie with logo (available from approved supplier) and navy plain sweat-pants (available from supermarket / other outlets) and all black trainers. A change of socks is also required i.e. white ankle socks Children **will not be allowed to wear jumpers and cardigans for outdoor PE lessons.**

Children will be given school reading books at the beginning of term and they will be changed each week (if necessary). Books will be quarantined after use before being re-circulated. Please can all school reading books, which were sent home with the children in March, be returned to school on the first day back.

Finally, I just want to thank you all for your patience and support over the past four months. Your positive messages have really helped to keep the team going during lockdown. Don't forget to follow our school Facebook page/ Twitter/ Parent App and the school website in case of updates and information over the summer as all arrangements are subject to change. We very much look forward to seeing you all on **THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020!**

Best wishes

*K Heyes*

Headteacher