



Dear Parent/Carer

**Important information about returning to School on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

Firstly I would like to thank you all for your support during the last half term of remote education. We have been so impressed how the children have responded to embracing their 'new classrooms'. Their resilience and brilliance has been amazing with some great learning outcomes achieved. Well done Team Moorhead and we cannot wait to welcome you all back to school where you belong.

Moving forward we are very excited to be able to retain elements of our blended learning approach to inform our future curriculum planning and we will be sending information about this very soon.

From 8<sup>th</sup> March all children will be expected to return to full time education. The Government has stated that penalties will resume for non-attendance. Please find below a reminder of all the measures we have in place to ensure the safety of our school community.

As in the Autumn term, year groups will be in 'bubbles' to limit contact around school with frequent hand washing observed throughout the day. Breakfast Club and morning toast will continue as normal. Lunchtimes will be staggered so that each bubble has a separate time to eat and use separate parts of the playgrounds. We will still be serving hot meals and the KS1 Universal Free School Meals will still be in place. KS2 parents wishing to pay for a hot meal for their child can do so using parent pay or send children with a healthy packed lunch. There will be three different playtimes in the morning and afternoon so that each phase bubble gets a playground to themselves. Enrichment Clubs will continue within phase bubbles after school and information will be sent out via Studybugs on Monday regarding schedules, days and times.

School uniform is expected for all children with sensible school shoes and an outdoor coat. Again we will need to well ventilate all classrooms and so a school jumper is essential. Again we ask please that children come to school dressed in PE kit on their designated day.

Please observe our one way system in place at drop off and pick up times. This has proved very successful in enabling the required social distancing measures to be kept in place.

**All parents, carers and siblings over the age of 16 must wear face coverings on site** however face coverings are not required for pupils in school. If you have encouraged your child to wear a face covering outside, please ensure that they know how to remove it safely and have a bag to put this into before entering the site.

We would ask that only one adult brings and collects your child so that we can limit the number on site. We also would appreciate it if you can leave the site as soon as possible after collecting your child or visiting the main office, as this all helps to follow the guidelines set and is for the safety of all.

Members of staff will greet pupils at their classroom doors, sanitising hands. Staff are available for a quick chat however if you need a longer appointment please do continue to contact us via Studybugs, Class Dojo or e-mail and we will get back to you asap.

If you do need to come to the main office, we would ask that if one person is already there you wait outside so we can observe social distancing rules.

Reading books can still go home but due to Covid-19 regulations we will be putting them in quarantine for at least 3 days on return. Children can bring a bag, a pencil case, a water bottle, a coat.

Unfortunately we are still unable to hold large gatherings until further notice and therefore all celebration assemblies and performance events are suspended.

Please ensure you follow the latest Government Covid-19 isolation guidelines if anyone in your household develops any symptoms. If there are any outbreaks in school, we will follow the advice of Public Health England.

Thank you ALL once again for your support in these unprecedented times. Let us hope that as we step forwards into Spring we are able to enjoy a super term of being in school, being within our brilliant school community, being BRAVE, CURIOUS and KIND and being busy learning and growing together. See you all on Monday...

Kind regards

**Ruth McNeil - Principal**