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Dear Parents / Carers

RE: March Opening Plans

We do hope you and your families are all keeping well.

As I am sure many of you are aware the government has issued new guidance in respect to schools and I am pleased and excited to announce that school will be welcoming **all** pupils back on **Monday 8th March**.

Staff have been working hard with the children remotely, but I know we will all relish the prospect of coming back together under the same roof, with the promise, if all goes well, of a relatively normal Summer Term.

The Government set out their revised guidance for schools in this document, which you can see [here](#).

As in September we will continue with our current risk assessment, class bubbles and [staggered start, break/lunch and finishing times](#).

All of our hygiene measures that we have in place currently, such as handwashing, will remain in place until further notice or until we are advised otherwise. We will be aiming to keep you updated with any changes to our systems and procedures as and when it is necessary. We hope that over time, the measures outlined in this letter can be relaxed but we are mindful that we have to take things slowly. I am sure you can appreciate that this is going to take everyone playing his or her part in order for this to happen successfully and safely. However, we are confident that we can achieve this in order for the children to enjoy the rest of the school year!

Catch Up and Recovery Curriculum

As before we will follow a similar plan how to ensure children are given the best chances to catch up the lost learning in many subjects including Reading, Writing, Maths, PSHE and Science. Over the next year, our curriculum and timetable will be more flexible to respond to the different needs of the children who return to school. We will prioritise the children's wellbeing and emotional response to the pandemic by including lots of personal and social education, wellbeing, creative arts and outdoor learning as well as Reading, Writing and Maths.

All the leaders in our school have participated in wellbeing training to make sure our plans are based on the best research and guidance available. At Moss Lane, we have a child-centered approach and look forward to welcoming all the children back to school safely.

We understand that some of you and your children will be anxious about returning, after months out of school. Please be reassured that we are taking exceptional measures to make our schools as safe as can be. We will be providing additional emotional and wellbeing support for all pupils, and will also be providing additional opportunities to support learning where this is required.



Once we return we will also need to be prepared to change our plans at short notice. This is an ever-changing situation, so we do need to be prepared for different scenarios. We will of course attempt to keep you informed every step of the way and maintain our lines of communication, even during the summer break. We therefore ask that you keep visiting the school website during this time.

On the website is a [social story for the children](#). Please go through this with your child as it will prepare them for returning back. On the website is also the [schools risk assessment](#) and a document answering some [frequently asked questions](#).

As a school we look forward to welcoming all the Moss Lane Family back together. In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries regarding our plans then please do get in touch with the school office.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

See you on March 8th!

Warm Regards,

Mrs Abbott
Headteacher



Key Points

You must ensure that if anyone in your household has [COVID-19 symptoms](#), your child does NOT attend school. Any child or staff member who develops symptoms in the school day will be sent home immediately. If anyone in your household, or your child, tests positive for COVID-19 you MUST inform school. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Attendance at school will be compulsory for the vast majority of children

It is essential that your child arrives only at their [allotted time](#). Please can parents be mindful of other pedestrians using the pavements by lining up distanced but against the wall to allow others to pass safely.

Parents must wear a face covering (unless exempt)

Only one parent picks up/drops off

Anyone who does not arrive on time will need to buzz the main office

Your child should wear school uniform. Please ensure that they also have warm under clothing as we will have increased ventilation in school which may make the building cooler than usual over the winter months.

On P.E. days children will come to school in their PE kits

Children should only bring in their water bottle and book bag which should be clearly named

Breakfast club will resume as usual on March 8th. Please use the online [SCL booking system](#)

Lunches will be available to all pupils and should be ordered via the [Innovate website](#), as usual.

Within each class, hygiene will remain a high priority. Your child will be reminded and guided on how to wash and sanitise their hands regularly. Regular cleaning will happen especially on frequently touched surfaces and door handles.

If you borrowed a school Chrome book, iPad or laptop please return these to your class teacher on your first day back in school.

As classes of 30 return, maintaining social distancing within their class will not be possible although other strategies will be employed to reduce contact. This means that school cannot be held responsible for any outcome that may arise as a consequence of this lack of social distancing.

Our behaviour management policy remains the same incorporating the safety and hygiene rules. As with any other school rules children will be praised for making good choices and reminded why we need to make good choices to keep them and our school community safe.

To ensure that our classes do not mix children will be guided around school and routes clearly marked. All classes have their own allocated toilets.



If your child requires any first aid help at school for any reason, they will be tended to as usual by a trained member of staff, but that member of staff will wear personal protective equipment.

Parents and other visitors will not be allowed on school premises without an appointment. We are, as ever, available to talk to on the telephone. In the exceptional event of a meeting being necessary, an appointment should be made, and strict social distancing rules will be applied throughout the meeting. If your child is unable to be collected by someone in their household, please call the school who will let their teacher know.

The government still advises walking or cycling to school wherever possible to reduce the use of public transport.