



# ASKERN MOSS ROAD

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Dear Parents/Carers



## The Full Reopening of Moss Road on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

We hope that you are keeping safe and well. The team at Moss Road are looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, while still operating within the guidelines of a pandemic.

Following the release of updated coronavirus (COVID-19) operational guidance for schools, we wish to update you about the plans in place to ensure a safe and full return to school for all our children.

In order for this to happen as smoothly and safely as possible, the following procedures will be in place in March.

### Our Return Plan

<p><b>Arriving and Leaving School</b></p> 	<p>One adult only should bring and collect their child for school. Parents must leave the school grounds immediately after drop off and pick up. The children will use their usual entry points. Markers will be placed on the floor around entrances/exits and pinch points.</p> <p>A one-way system will be in operation with children and parents walking up the school path and around the building, exiting through the side gate onto Rushywood Avenue.</p> <p>Parents must bring children to school on time, no earlier or later, same goes for collection times which must be strictly adhered to, to prevent too many people being on school premises at once.</p> <p>If your child has a sibling in school with a different start AND finish time please bring and collect both children at the earliest time.</p> <p><b>We would encourage all families to walk to school wherever possible in order to ease congestion around the school. It's much healthier too!</b></p>
<p><b>Face Coverings</b></p> 	<p><b>Adults and children aged 12 and over are requested to wear face coverings when entering the school grounds.</b></p> <p>It is so important that we do everything we can to minimise the risk of transmitting the virus and wearing a face covering protects others.</p> <p>Doncaster's Covid-19 transmission rates remain stubbornly high and we all need to play our part in keeping the virus at bay.</p> <p>School staff will be wearing face-coverings when moving around school, beyond their bubble and may choose to wear them all day.</p> <p><b>The safety of everyone is paramount.</b></p>


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<p><b>Staggered Starts and Finishes</b></p> 	<p><b>In order to keep everyone as socially distanced as possible we will be operating the following start and finishing times for the classes. It is really important that these times are adhered to in order to minimise congestion around school:</b></p> <p>The Nursery session will start at 8:45am and end at 11:45am.</p> <p>Our F2 and Y1 children will arrive at 8:45am and leave at 3:15pm.</p> <p>Our Y2 children will arrive at 9:00am and leave at 3:30pm.</p>
<p><b>Class Bubbles</b></p> 	<p>The children will be kept in their class groups for the majority of the time and these groups are described as 'bubbles'. Nursery and F2 children will operate as one large bubble, allowing access to all areas of provision both indoors and outdoors.</p> <p>Wherever possible KS1 children will work in their class bubble with their class teacher and LSA.</p> <p>There may be times however where, in order to support their learning, the children in Years 1 and 2 will mix for small group activities such as phonics, this is essential to ensure that children are taught at an appropriate level. During this time however, the children will be sat separately to avoid contact.</p>
<p><b>Remote Learning</b></p> 	<p>On-line learning is in place for all children to access if they need to be off school with Covid symptoms/ or are in a family who are self-isolating. Lessons are uploaded onto the Seesaw app by your child's teacher each week and there is an expectation that this week is completed daily if your child is unable to attend school.</p> <p>Please contact us if you are having a problem with accessing online learning.</p>
<p><b>Learning</b></p> 	<p>Staff are planning to deliver a curriculum which will focus on the essentials (phonics and reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and maths) but will also offer a breadth of subjects as well as focusing on the children's mental well-being.</p> <p><b>Physical activity will be a key feature of our curriculum and the KS1 children need to have their kit in school throughout the week (white t shirt and black shorts).</b></p>
<p><b>Classroom Layout</b></p> 	<p>Adaptations will be made to the classrooms to support distancing where possible. This will include seating children side by side and facing forwards, rather than face to face or side on. Unnecessary furniture will be moved out of classrooms to make more space.</p> <p>In Early Years (Nursery and F2), the classroom layout will be very similar to before, with the main difference being a reduction in the equipment set out and the removal of some soft furnishings. All equipment will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each session.</p>
<p><b>Equipment</b></p>	<p>Children will have their own equipment which is frequently used, such as pencils and pens. Classroom-based resources, such as books and games, can be used and shared within the bubble; these will be cleaned regularly.</p>


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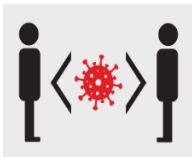
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	<p><b>We would like all children to bring a water bottle to school each day; this is very important as we will not be providing the children with school bottles while restrictions are in place.</b></p> <p>We are asking that all children come to school with just their book bag, packed lunch (if required), water bottle and coat. All packed lunches and water bottles will be stored in class with the children.</p>
<p><b>Cleaning</b></p> 	<p>Daily deep cleans will take place at the end of each school day and all school staff have a cleaning routine to follow throughout the day on classroom surfaces (handles, equipment, etc.) at very regular intervals.</p> <p>Tables and chairs will be wiped between activities and all are fully aware of the importance of cleaning surfaces. Rooms will also be well ventilated.</p>
<p><b>Uniform</b></p> 	<p>The children will wear their uniform on return to school. F2 and KS1 children will bring their PE kit to school every Monday, taking it home to be washed on Fridays. Please contact school if you wish to order uniform.</p>
<p><b>Hygiene</b></p> 	<p>Children and staff will be required to wash their hands as soon as they enter and just before they leave the building. They will follow the usual hygiene rules and wash their hands after the toilet, before they eat and if they cough or sneeze. Staff will ensure every adult and child washes their hands at least every hour while they are at school. Hand sanitisers will also be available in all areas of school.</p> <p>The rules of 'Catch it, bin it, kill it!' and coughing into elbows (rather than into the air) will be reinforced.</p> <p>All hard surfaces such as tables, door handles, taps, backs of chairs, toilets and any other that staff and children come into contact with will be sprayed with cleaning products and wiped with a clean cloth at least four times during the school day.</p> <p>Every classroom will be well-stocked with liquid soap, paper towels, cleaning products, clean cloths, tissues and hand sanitiser.</p> <p>School staff will wear gloves, face masks and plastic aprons when dealing with sick children or administering first aid. They will do the same if they are supporting a child who has had a toileting accident.</p>
<p><b>Lunches</b></p> 	<p>Lunchtimes will be staggered with our youngest children eating first at 12pm in the hall, all front facing. Our Y1 and Y2 children will eat at 12:30pm.</p> <p>We will continue to offer a daily hot meal and pudding. The children will not queue for their lunch, instead the lunchtime staff will bring the food to the children at their tables. All lunchtime staff will be wearing face coverings.</p>
<p><b>Social Distancing</b></p> 	<p>Social distancing will be taught and encouraged. Signage will be in place. Children will receive regular reminders of this throughout every day from the staff. However it is acknowledged by all that children of this age will find social distancing extremely difficult and may even find it distressing. Children of this age, returning to school after so much isolation will need to socially interact and it is indeed very important for their development and well-being that they are able to do so. Therefore it is our intention to ensure that children and staff stay with their designated class groups with reminders about social distancing and the hygiene measures outlined.</p>


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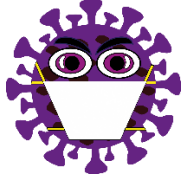
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<p><b>Playtimes</b></p> 	<p>Playtimes will be staggered to ensure social distancing remains in place. Our KS1 children will use the main playground and the Reception children will use their own Early Years' play area.</p>
<p><b>Visitors</b></p> 	<p>Parents will not be allowed into the school building unless by prior appointment.          If parents need to speak to a member of the school staff it is advised that they phone school or email school admin. Staff must do the same and contact parents by phone call, email or via text and not engage parents in conversation in person unless it is absolutely necessary.          Visitors into school will not be permitted unless it is absolutely essential and strict social distancing rules must be followed.          If you wish to pass on a message, please do so via email (admin@askernmossroad.co.uk) or telephone call. (01302 700287)</p>
<p><b>Attendance</b></p> 	<p>School attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Class teachers will be contacting families in the coming days to chat and answer any questions you may have.          Please note that Free School Meal supermarket vouchers will cease on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March.</p>
<p><b>Mental health and anxiety support</b></p> 	<p>We hope that you feel positive and reassured about your child returning to school but for some children, parents and staff members this is a time of stress and anxiety. As we all adjust to the full reopening with continuing coronavirus guidelines, issues will arise. We want to work in close partnership with parents/carers and children and if you are anxious about anything in school please just ask; we are only too happy to help and support.</p>
<p><b>Cases of Covid-19</b></p> 	<p>If a child becomes unwell in school, you will be contacted to arrange to collect your child and access a test. Whilst we await your arrival they will be taken to our special isolation room with a trained staff member until a parent/carer arrives. If your child is displaying Covid-19 symptoms then we will ask them to wear a mask and the adult will wear disposable PPE (mask, gloves, apron, goggles). You will then be asked to isolate your household for 10 days, arrange a test and inform us of the results.          We will contact the local health protection team. Based on the advice from the health protection team, we must send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 10 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious.          The health protection team will provide definitive advice on who must be sent home. We will keep a record of pupils and staff in each group, and any close contact that takes places between children and staff in different groups.</p>





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## Communication



It is vital that we are able to communicate with parents and carers via phone and email. Clear two-way communication is key at any time but is even more important during these uncertain times. Please ensure that school has your up to date mobile number, home number and email address.

Our contact details are:

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## Advice from Public Health Doncaster



There is a range of information available to parents and carers on the Doncaster Council website with a specially created section on returning to school - [www.doncaster.gov.uk/schoolopening](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/schoolopening). This continues to be updated regularly. This link will also be shared on the council's social media @MyDoncaster and @CovidDoncaster.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your resilience and commitment to our remote learning during this very difficult period. A copy of our risk assessment and re-opening plan can found on our website.

All the teachers and staff at Moss Road are eager to see all our pupils return and are looking forward to a fun filled second half of the year where our children are settled and happy to be back together in their Moss Road Family.

Kind regards,

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