

## Moss Road's Return to School Action Plan (September 2021)

The plan is operational from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and has been formulated with the aim of preventing a Covid-19 outbreak within our school community. It has been written in line with the DFE Operational Guidance (updated 17/9/21). This is a working document which is subject to government changes.

## Timings of the School Day

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children: 8:50am-3:30pm

Nursery children: 8:45am-11:45am

## Arrangements at the start & end of the day



Parents are asked to bring children to the classroom doors but will be encouraged not to enter the school building unless by prior arrangement. The children need to arrive on time and, wherever possible, only one adult should bring and collect their child from school.

Nursery parents will also take their child to the nursery door where they will be met by a member of the nursery staff.

Parents must leave the school grounds promptly after dropping off and picking up their children.

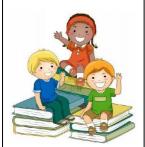
Only parents with a disability badge will be allowed access to the car park and we strongly encourage that children walk, bike or scoot to school.

If you wish to pass on a message, please do so via email (admin @askernmossroad.co.uk.), telephone call (01302 701353) or via the Seesaw app.

## **Social distancing**

It is preferred that social distancing remains in place when parents are entering the school grounds and that use is made of the markings at all class entrances.

### Learning



As at the start of any school year, the first few days will be spent establishing relationships and routines to help your child to settle into school their new class. The children will no longer be in bubbles so they will be able to mix with other classes at playtimes and lunchtimes. Whole-school assemblies will also be able to resume in the school hall.

There will be a strong focus on early literacy and numeracy for all children, with phonics being taught from the beginning of the term to all children. Teachers will be getting to know their pupils and establishing the next steps for individual children.

The full Early Years and Key Stage 1 curricula are being taught and there will continue to be an emphasis on children's mental health and well-being. Physical and creative activities will feature strongly and will be delivered outdoors whenever possible. Teachers have planned activities for all the children with a focus on well-being, talk, early reading, phonics and number.

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### **Equipment**



Staff will ensure internal classroom doors are kept open to limit touching of handles and increase flow of fresh air, for the same reason some windows will be kept open during the day. Children should not bring anything from home except their water bottles, coat, book bag or a bag with a change of clothes etc for Nursery children and those who have an intimate care plan.

PE kit should be brought to school on a Monday and will be sent home to be washed on Fridays.

## Hygiene



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. Hand sanitisers will also be available in all areas of school.

The rules of 'Catch it, bin it, kill it!' and coughing into elbows (rather than into the air) will be reinforced.

School will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of every day including all hard surfaces, toys and play equipment by our usual cleaning staff. In addition, 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 lunchtime every day. Every classroom will be well-stocked with liquid soap, paper towels, cleaning products, clean cloths, tissues and hand sanitiser.

Children will only able to use the toilets and sink areas two at a time. Government guidance states that the use of PPE is not necessary in school. However, at staff will wear gloves 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.

If a child has an intimate care plan, parents will be informed that this is the procedure before the child starts back at school. School staff may choose to wear a face covering whenever they wish.

Unwell children MUST NOT be brought to school in any circumstances, including but not limited to tummy ache, earache, sore throat, lethargy etc.

### Lunches



Lunchtime will run from 12pm until 1:15pm and the children will dine in the school

The menus will be displayed on the school website from the start of term. The children will continue to have the choice of three main courses.

#### **Playtimes**



The children will now be mixed for morning playtimes and lunchtimes, and the field will also be used when it is dry weather. Emergency first aid resources are provided for use on the playground.

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### Supporting the well-being of our school community

We Support

Activities have been planned to provide time for children to talk about their families, their experiences, their worries and their hopes.

Staff are aware of the need to support children and their parents who may be anxious about leaving each other and the fear of the virus could still be on everyone's minds.

The Head Teacher will provide reassurance to parents of safety procedures through;

- the sharing of this action plan
- transparency in what we are doing
- regular communication.

Staff will provide reassurance for the children through;

- planned well- being activities
- talking about families, including their own and what they will be doing to keep safe
- phone calls or Seesaw messages to parents.

### **Visitors**



Wherever possible, any meetings with parents will continue to be held virtually via Microsoft Teams or by telephone. If parents need to speak to a member of the school staff it is advised that they phone school, email school admin or send a message via Seesaw. Visitors will be welcomed into school by appointment but required to continue social distancing.

Any parents needing to talk to the office staff can enter our Reception area one at a time and we would appreciate a face covering being worn.

### **Attendance**



The government's attendance target is 96%. It is essential that all children are on time and in school every day they are able. Parents are discouraged from taking children out of school for term time holidays. Absences from school will be followed up by the office team and head teacher.

## Remote Learning



If any individual child needs to isolate due to Covid-19 but is not physically unwell a pack of work will be provided. If a whole class has to isolate they will revert to the remote learning in place during lockdown i.e. Zoom lessons and follow up activities via Seesaw. Please refer to the school's remote learning policy on our website for further information.

## Safeguarding



Safeguarding procedures will be as they would normally be, following the guidance set out in our policies and the 'keeping children safe in education' statutory quidelines. Covid-19 risk assessments are in place and we have posted our Covid-19 Outbreak Management Plan on the school website.



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## Lateral Flow Tests

All staff are encouraged to take a lateral flow test twice weekly, on Thursdays and Sundays until the end of September.

Positive test results should be reported to the head teacher immediately and the procedure for isolation and obtaining a PCR test will be triggered Please note that members of a household in which someone has tested positive

Please note that members of a household in which someone has tested positive are advised to take a PCR test but are not required to self-isolate providing they are under 18 years of age or are adults who have been double-vaccinated.

I hope that you have found this plan both reassuring and informative, giving yourselves a clearer picture of how school will operate in the autumn term 2021.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Kind regards,

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