



Dear Parents/Carers,

The government has announced that schools will reopen to all pupils on 8th March. We are very much looking forward to welcoming back all our boys and girls. We do not need a closure day to prepare this time round as we have been working towards this date, but our lessons will finish at 1.30 pm on Friday 5th March, and we will be making separate arrangements for children who are currently in school.

Attendance

From 8th March, school attendance will be mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply. Please contact the school office if your child is poorly as normal. If it is a covid related absence you can contact the school office but also email me on info@mpjs-trafford.co.uk if it is out of school hours.

As a reminder, your child/children should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- Has coronavirus symptoms, is waiting for a test result or has tested positive
- Live with someone who has symptoms, is waiting for a test result or has tested positive
- Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

If we have to send your child home because they develop symptoms in school, we will follow our first aid procedures and also offer you a covid test kit in case you are unable to take your child to a test centre.

In line with the latest government guidance, pupils who are clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school. If your child is in this group, they should continue to learn from home until further notice. A copy of their shielding letter should be sent to school if this is the case.

Our safety measures

Rest assured that we are doing everything we can to make sure our pupils can return to school safely. Our Risk Assessment will be sent to you as soon as Trafford update their in line with Public Health – I don't think there will be many changes needed. We will be taking the following protective measures to keep everyone safe:

- ✓ Our One Way system continues to work well in school and for entry/exit
- ✓ Staggered drop off time from **8.40 am – 9.00 am** until Easter
- ✓ We have a large playground with enough space to maintain social distancing in zones
- ✓ Y5 and Y6 will finish at **3.15 pm** (only until Easter)
- ✓ Y3 and Y4 to leave at **3.25 pm** (only until Easter)

If Y5 and Y6 have siblings in Y3 or Y4, then the pupil will wait with their parent in the Y3/4 zone

- ✓ We have enough space for social distancing when waiting to collect on the playground
- ✓ We have limited visitors to school – please make an appointment if needed
- ✓ We have got our extra sinks and hand sanitizer all across school
- ✓ We go over all the health and safety rules with children
- ✓ Our Bubble system works well and we have staggered lunchtimes and breaks

Equipment and Uniform

Our normal uniform policy applies. Please ensure pupils have the correct uniform and **shoes** on. Please bring a pair of trainers or pumps to school in case they are needed for field/fitness activities.

PE is on Monday for Y6 and Y3; Wednesday for Y5 and Y4. Pupils come to school in their PE kits on this day and stay in it all day.

A **water bottle** is a 'must have' because the fountains are not in use now.

Children can bring in their own **tissues** and **hand sanitiser/hand cream** but we have lots so don't worry about providing this.

Behaviour and Safety

Our usual Behaviour policy will apply. Additionally, we have added a COVID section to our Behaviour policy:

"We will be very mindful of the needs to support our pupils with the transition back to school, providing clear guidance on the changed to school routines (for example social distancing/hand hygiene) and frequent, positive reminders of our expectations. We will take into account the possible impact of the virus and lockdown on pupils in the events of considering any sanctions i.e. the impact on mental health/wellbeing of being out of school for this period, anxiety, impact on their family and concern for family members.

Where a pupil has a special educational need, we will consider the impact on their behaviour of being out of school for an extended period. We have teaching assistants attached to the Year Group 'Bubbles' who can withdraw children safely and do extra pastoral work. Positive praise and mutual respect remains at the core of our behaviour principles.

We want to make sure all our pupils feel safe and it is important that pupils in the school follow our covid hygiene protocols and understand how important these are – including but not exclusive to: hand and respiratory hygiene, social distancing, personal space and any name calling or negative comments to provoke a reaction around covid infections and risks.

If a pupil is persistently refusing to follow instructions to keep themselves and other safe, they will be moved to the medical room (rather than another classroom, which is current practice). We will contact parents to ask for support and discuss whether the child can be kept safe in school or needs to be collected by a parent."

Lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us, and we would like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any concerns about returning to school, or if you think your child might need extra support when they return, please get in touch with me.

We'd also like to thank you for all your support in helping your child learn from home. Attendance online has been between 95% and 100% in every lesson! If I were to give you an OFSTED Grade for your teaching it would be 'Outstanding' – thank you so much and I look forward to working in partnership with you for the rest of the year.

Warm regards,

Mrs Nunwick and all the staff at Moss Park Junior School

Chrome Books

Please drop these off at school on **Friday 5th March** after the final lesson on Friday 5th March if possible. This means we can log them back in, clean them and charge them in the correct trolley ready for the first day back in school. Weather permitting we will have a desk outside to arrange collection. Thank you – hope you have enjoyed using them!