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Dear MPJS families,

I am writing to you with our plans the start of the new school year (that seems to have come round quickly!) There are some small changes from last year. As you know, from 16th August, we no longer have to organise pupils into 'bubbles' (unless temporarily advised to by Public Health) and there is no longer the requirement to send a whole class or year group home because of one positive case. Of course, we are remaining cautious with health and safety at the front of our plans. Our draft risk assessment will go out to you later this week and if you have any questions about it, please email me on info@mps-trafford.co.uk.

What your child needs for school

- ✓ School bag (one bag only needed) with a pair of old trainers for 1k a Day
- ✓ Healthy Snack (no biscuits or cereal bars with chocolate, crisps/sugar coatings)
- ✓ **Please note that we are a nut-free school this year as we have a pupil with severe allergy. Please check that packed lunch or snack items such as cereal bars/treats for birthdays do not contain nuts**
- ✓ Water bottle – these are *essential* for the fountains inside and on the playground
- ✓ Your child is welcome to bring in their own tissues/hand sanitiser/hand cream as we will be washing our hands & using the hand sanitiser throughout the day
- ✓ Asthma Inhalers with form completed (from the office if you are new)
- ✓ Full School Uniform in the style detailed in the uniform policy (attached with this email) – including black school shoes (no trainers unless it is a PE Day please)
- ✓ A good run of early nights... 😊

What we are keeping in place to keep us safe and healthy

- One way system inside school and for pick-ups/drop offs (signs are still in place)
- Year group zones for parents waiting at the end of the day on the playground
- Staggered breaks and lunchtimes – we are keeping these because we have found that it is safer and more enjoyable not to have 256 pupil of all ages on the playground!
- Pupils wear PE kits on PE days (solves the problem of privacy for older pupils and lost property!) with their school jumper/cardigan on top to look smart
- Lots of extra tissues/hand wash/paper towels around school
- Good routines for cleaning, handwashing and sanitising
- Appointment only system for parents and visitors – makes for better quality meetings in nicer spaces
- All communication will go out via text or Parent Pay
- We have excellent ventilation that does not leave us cold! I note that the new optional school fleeces are not on the new Monkhouse website yet so will chase this up next week



What we are changing

- ✓ Dropping staggered entry and exit times – pupils will get their full school days back
- ✓ Going back to our pre-covid start time – 8.50 am (don't panic as we are going to phase this in over 4 weeks)
- ✓ Increasing the number of clubs after school (with lunch clubs for those who can't attend after school)
- ✓ Having lower school/upper school assemblies in the hall rather than just one year group (classes will still be spaced out as there is lots of room in our hall)
- ✓ Inviting parents of 'Super Learners' back into Friday Celebration Assembly in a covid safe way (but keeping the Facebook Live event)
- ✓ Smaller mixed age groups of pupils now able to meet such as School Council and Play leaders

What we need you to do to keep us safe and healthy

- Read all communication from us and always let us know if you have a problem with phone/email etc.
- If you are not sure about any aspect of your child's illness/absence, please either email me at info@mpjs-trafford.co.uk if it is out of hours or contact the school office from 8.30 am. We can offer the correct advice and we are happy to do this
- Please give us more information when reporting an absence than 'they are not well' so we can help manage any outbreaks in school – of anything from stomach bugs to flu to chicken pox etc.

Start of the day Monday 6th September

Year 4/5/6

We will open the pedestrian gate to the playground at **8.40 am** as usual. Pupils enter school for pre-learning tasks and registration. The gate is locked at **9.00 am**. Please arrive on time – always drop your junior child off before infants, as our day is longer. I will be there with some of the MPJS staff team to meet and greet. The office is open from 8.30 am. NB Year 6 and Year 4 will be starting PE so please come in your new PE kit with red school cardigan or jumper over the top.

Our new Year 3 pupils

We have had much less chance to meet this year, so new year 3 pupils and their adults may come onto the playground on Day 1 any time from 8.40 am – the children can play on our grounds and you can speak to the Year 3 team. We will take the Year 3s in at about 9.15 am. *You don't have to come onto the playground – it is your choice – you can 'drop and go'.* Then it will be normal drop off day 2 onwards. There will be a member of the office staff on the playground for any forms/questions you might have.

End of the day

We are keeping our one-way system – please respect this. The pedestrian gate to the playground will be opened at **3.20 pm** and you can wait for your child in the **Year 4/5/6 marked zone** – please respect social distancing. If you have more than one child, please wait in the youngest child's parent zone. Their teacher will bring out your child to you from the **pupil zone behind the red line** and we ask that you leave school via the **Car Park** double gates. Please bear with us while new teachers get to know your faces.

Please remember to fill in a **Walking Home from School** form if you would like your child in Y5 and Y6 to walk home (and to take any younger ones with them). These forms are on the 'letters and forms' tab on the website to print or you can fill this in on the first day back via the office.

Don't forget that if you want a child under 16 to pick up your child, they must be on your contacts list with their mobile number for emergencies. Please make sure they are aware of the time they need to be at school.

Our new Year 3 pupils

We do not want our new pupils to be overwhelmed by the busy end of the day crowds and we need to get to know your faces for safe dismissal so for the **first week of school** please pick your child up at **3.20 pm** when it is a bit quieter. You wait in the Year 3 Parent Zone and exit via the car park gates. If you have older siblings, please take your Y3 pupil to the correct Y4/5/6 zone and wait for them coming out at 3.30 pm.

Communication

Please use the school phone and email to contact school. If you need to contact school before we start back please use the info@mpjs-trafford.co.uk email. That will get through to me and I will respond as soon as I can.

Mrs Fielding, Mrs Willett and Mrs Moroney can help you with anything you need to do to set up or re-set Parent Pay for emails.

I will be doing a 'Welcome back to school' video later this week on Facebook. This will include anything new that the Government or Trafford Public Health shares with schools. I will send you the link to the video via T2P for those without social media.

We are all really looking forward to another successful year together at MPJS. The teachers are in and out sorting out their classrooms; the school is looking clean and bright and we are so ready to see our lovely children with their back to school haircuts, shiny shoes and new red uniform!

Finally a message to all parents and carers:



Kind regards,

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