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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

I wanted to give you an update about a few things that are current and some a little further in the future.

Bubbles Groups Returning

We have welcomed back Year 6 and Reception this week, with Year 1 and some further pupils from the first two year groups returning next week. It has been lovely to see them all, albeit frustrating that we cannot see everybody. We are still hoping to find a way to see all classes on the field before the end of the year and are currently working on some plans to do this safely.

Each bubble group will have been given information but a few simple non-COVID practicalities are worth highlighting at the end of the first week:

- All pupils should wear once a day sun cream, particularly as there is limited shade on the school grounds and we would like to work outside where possible albeit balancing this time on sunny days. Caps would also be useful for pupils and school hats cannot be given out at the moment.
- All pupils can bring a snack for break. Pupils who are having a school dinner will only get this food at lunchtime, so will have nothing at break should they rely on this.
- All pupils must bring their own water bottle to school, as the water fountains are not available.

Staffing Changes

It is customary at this time to communicate any staffing changes ahead of the new year. At the end of the term, Mrs Dunne and Mrs Dunwell will retire after many years teaching at Moss Side. They will be sorely missed and I know that there are lots of Moss Side families who have benefited from their efforts over many years. Although we are used to this at Moss Side, the longevity of staff is not the same across all schools and Mrs Dunne and Mrs Dunwell have been loyal and dedicated teachers who have made the lives of thousands of children better. It is worth noting that these retirement decisions were made long before COVID but it does not diminish how much they will be sorely missed.

On a positive note, I am pleased to announce that we will have two new members of the staff joining us in September. Mrs Glynn, who is known to some of our families through her work as our specialist



support teacher, will become our new SENDCo and Year 3 teacher. Miss Jones will also be joining the teaching staff next year in the Infants. We are delighted that both have agreed to work with us and I know that they will be valuable members of our community.

That means that the class teacher structure for next year will be:

Reception - Mrs Swift
Reception/ Year 1 - Miss Jones
Year 1/ Year 2 - Mr Gilyead
Year 2 - Mrs Simpkins
Year 3 - Mrs McKenna & Mrs Glynn
Year 4 - Mr Kellett
Year 5 - Miss Thomas
Year 6 - Mrs Torbett

Classes for Infant pupils will be announced in the coming weeks, as would usually be the case.

I wish all of our families a happy weekend (although there might not be much sun).

Stay safe,

Mr Wright