

# Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Moss Side Community,

We are back together! It has been wonderful to see all of our pupils again this week and, although COVID still restricts large parts of school life and stops us coming together completely, I know that the pupils and staff team are delighted that at least each class now has the opportunity to be together. We know the health and wellbeing benefits that this brings to pupils (as well as staff and parents). Our aim over the first three weeks is to re-establish routines, find out what pupils have retained from this year's studies so far and - most importantly - try to put a smile on everyone's faces during the continuation of a tricky period. Hopefully the re-opening of schools is the first step on the home straight towards normality.

## Arrangements at the start and end of the school day

Apologies for sounding like a broken record but I felt it useful to remind all families again about the importance of following arrangements at the start and end of the day. These worked well in the Autumn term but there appear to be more bodies on site at times than before, although this was certainly much better this morning (thank you). Hopefully this will be resolved by becoming slicker in following the rules again but, if not, we may need to lengthen start and finish times which we would rather avoid if possible.

Mrs Swift	Miss Jones	Mr Gilvead	Mrs Simpkins	Mrs McKenna	Mr Kellelt	Miss Thomas	Mrs Torbett
9.00	8.55	8.50	8.50	8.55	8.55	8.50	8.50
3.15	3.10	3.05	3.05	3.15	3.15	3.10	3.10

Please remember that it is really important that everybody keeps to their times as much as possible to avoid crowds of people. The main gates **will not open until 8.45**.

We will continue to allow siblings on the Junior side of the building to enter school grounds at the same time. Other important points to remember:

- Where possible, **only one adult** should collect from school.
- Please follow all walkways and one-way systems.
- All adults collecting pupils should wear a mask (unless medically exempt) while on the school site.
- Social distancing should be maintained at all times. There are markings to support this on the Infant playground.

- At the end of the day, parents of Year 4-6 pupils may consider waiting away from school and allowing their child to meet them. For those pupils, being collected from the playground, please spread out and leave the outside of the playground clear as a walkway. It is really important that younger siblings stay with parents and do not run around.

We have been asked to stress by Lancashire County Council, how important these measures are. Nobody wants to transmit COVID within our community and we do not want to increase the risk of bubbles isolating or return to whole school closures. *It is crucial that we all play our part.*

## Head Lice

As hair is growing even longer at the moment (for obvious reasons) it is even more important that any long hair is tied back to stop the spread of head lice. It is also very important that parents regularly check hair for any signs and go to the nearest pharmacy for advice and/or treatment.



## Red Nose Day

*Message from our House Captains:*

On Friday 19th March it is Red Nose Day. The House Captains are running a competition to design your own Red Nose. The winning entries will be chosen by each class teacher and shown in the zoom assembly on the day.

Winning designs will get 15 house points (some stickers instead for Infants) and a certificate. If you make a design you will get 5 house points. You are invited to come in non-uniform on Red Nose Day, which should include something red, at a cost of 50p per *child* or *£1 for a family*. Donations can be made by bringing the money into school or through ParentPay, please follow this link or copy and paste into your browser.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=3430>

### Waterproofs

The weather remains changeable, therefore all pupils must ensure they bring a waterproof jacket to school every day (even when we have a sunny morning).

### Clothing Request

If any parents have any spare underwear they would be happy to donate to school in case of accidents, we would be grateful. We will quarantine it in the front entrance if any parents are able to drop any off.

<i>Stars of the week</i>	
	
Mrs Swift	Julianna Guise for lovely letter and number formation.
Miss Jones	Emosi Lutu for a brilliant first week at Moss Side!
Mr Gillyead	Alice Quinn for great folk dancing with her partner.
Mrs Simpkins	Jessica Quinn for writing a great story and working more quickly!
Mrs McKenna/ Mrs Glynn	Lucas Meehan for a super start back and getting down to all tasks sensibly!
Mr Kellett	Riley Mathewson for some impressive writing about volcanoes this week.
Miss Thomas	Evette Swann for being a mature Year 5 and having a super start back at school.
Mrs Torbett	Adam Renke for always working hard and producing his very best work.
Winning House	Red

### COVID-19 Illness

Should your child develop any of the main three symptoms of COVID-19 (new, continuous cough; high temperature; loss of taste or smell) they will not be able to attend school and should arrange for a full COVID test. *It is also advisable for pupils to not attend school should they be in any other way 'under the weather'*. Families should follow public health advice and households should self isolate, book a test for members of the house with symptoms and keep school informed of the test date and outcome. **All absence, whether COVID-19 related or not, should be communicated to the front desk via telephone.** Please reference the flowchart sent out via Dojo if you are unsure what to do.

If any tests come back positive it will require at least one bubble, or in some cases a blob, to isolate and stay away from school: in Mrs Swift and Miss Jones' class, for example, given the nature of our department it is probable both classes would need to isolate should there be a positive tests. It is likely, in this event, that such a closure will need to be arranged quickly and we **will inform parents via DoJo.**

Happy Friday,

Mr Wright