

# Moss Side Primary School

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Dear Moss Side Community,

The news about changes to COVID restrictions this week will have created both hope and concern in equal measure. Rest assured, we will work hard as a school to work out exactly what it means for us and will communicate this to you. In short, the headlines suggest a 'back to normal' approach in September but the experience of the last eighteen months tells me that the finer details might not be with us until late August. As such, it will be really important to keep an eye on Dojo for adjustments to school timings, routines etc and we will communicate this as soon as we are confident that it will happen.

For now, the remaining days of term (eight in total after this) will be run in the same manner as they have been for most of the year. We are hoping to get at least some of the school population on the field at the same time before the end of term (remaining in our bubble) but, other than that, it is a case of keeping going. We are fingers crossed to get through 'positive free' but reality is that it might well happen again at any point, just as it did two weeks ago.

## It's Coming Home!

Well, we hope it will anyway. Either way, I know lots of our pupils will want to stay up to watch the match. I can remember being of primary school age and staying up to watch us beat Holland (but losing to Germany). They are memories that stay with you forever and, given how unique England being in a final is, we know that it does not happen every year (or even every fifty years). School will open at usual time on Monday but, should families wish to take the option, pupils will have up until 10.15 to arrive on Monday. Late comers on the Junior side should enter via their normal doors and Infants via the main entrance.

## COVID Testing and Isolation

As mentioned at the start of the letter, it remains really important to take a PCR test immediately if any symptoms are displayed in pupils. My Dojo message of Thursday also reflected the fact that, unfortunately, schools are experiencing bubbles re-opening and closing again swiftly so it is very important that symptoms are not ignored because pupils have recently been isolating. I must stress, again, that isolation means **not leaving the house** - however challenging that might be - in order to stop the potential spread to others around. This system is due to change soon but we must continue to follow it at present, especially given the extremely high rates of infection in Leyland at present.

## Teachers Next Year

Next year, our teachers will have the following roles:

EYFS - Mrs Swift

EYFS/Y1 - Miss Jones

Y1/Y2 - Mr Gilyead

Y2 - Mrs Simpkins

Y3 - Mrs Fahey

Y4 - Mr Kellett

Y5 - Miss Thomas

Y6 - Mrs Torbett

Maths Target Teacher - Mrs McKenna

English Target Teacher/ SENDCo - Mrs Glynn

## Clubs Next Week

Clubs have now finished for the year, as next week will be taken up preparing for our Year 6 performances. The only exceptions are football for **Year 5 only** (as they missed the last two due to the bubble closing) and Year 3 multi-skills.

## Year 6

Staff are working really hard in still quite trying circumstances to put together end of year events. Please

## Jamie's Fact of the Week

**Every planet in our solar system is named after a Roman or Greek god and we know who came up with the name....except...Earth!**

**Nobody has any idea who came up with the name, or when!**

keep an eye on Dojo. All pupils must attend both performances on Tuesday and Wednesday, returning at 5.30, even if nobody is due to watch them perform that night. Dojo will be your source of information for all other arrangements so keep a close eye out!

### Transition and Class Arrangements

We are hoping for all pupils to meet their new teacher at some point next week. This will, unfortunately, be done outside and distanced to maintain our current bubbles. We will inform parents of current EYFS and Year 1 pupils which class their children will be in early next week.

### Library SCART Club Challenge

A message from Leyland Library:

Each summer we run a free challenge for children to enjoy and also to encourage their reading over the school holidays and we know this is as important as ever this year. Please view the video at <https://my.nicheacademy.com/lancashirereadingjourney/course/31808>

Hopefully this will encourage you to visit Leyland Library and join the fun!

Stars of the Week	
	
R	Claire Greenhalgh for playing nicely with her classmates and looking after them.
Y1	Sophia Thomas for always being helpful and trying her best!
Y1/2	Chantelle Calvert for excellent work in Phonics.
Y2	Addison Bland for inventing some superb riddles all on his own.
Y3	Carter Aston for making great progress and a positive attitude to all that we do.
Y4	Emily Oprea for her wide smile, positive attitude and curious nature!
Y5	Lavani Karia for her attention to detail and great application of maths' skills. Sofia Holden for her positive attitude and 'give it a go' attitude at Rounders Club.
Y6	Emily Merrill for super singing in the performance. Eve Robinson for designing a super programme for the Leavers' Concert.
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Silver Leaf	Ashley Acquaviva and Dylan Gregory— Respect for others for supporting classmates prepare for the play.

### 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.**

## Photos

The final day for ordering with Tempest online, for free delivery to school is Monday. In the end, it proved too challenging to have a whole EYFS cohort photo but we are hoping to have class photos of every class at some point next year in order to make up for this.

## Reports

Reports will be sent out by the end of next week.

Happy Friday!

Mr Wright

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