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Dear Parents

I hope you are sitting comfortably! This letter is guaranteed to cure insomnia and in some parts resembles aspects of a Monty Python script!

What will the next academic year look like?

The government has produced for schools a guidance document which outlines what reopening may look like. In it they are clear that there cannot be a 'one size fits all' approach to this process. The next few pages will outline what we are going to try to do in order to make September as welcoming, safe, high quality and most importantly fun for our children!

What if I do not wish to send my child back to school?

The government's view has changed and they are clear that the circumstances have improved and it is vital for all children to be back in school. The only children who will, from September, be exempt are those who are shielding or self isolating. The school has been instructed to manage attendance in the way we always had in the past.

What will happen when the children come back to school on 2 September?

As we have already stated, it is our plan to bring the children into their current classrooms for the first three days of the academic year. During that time, most will be with their familiar teacher and will be gradually reintroduced to life in school. They will undertake a range of learning tasks that they will enjoy however, we will use them to formulate a picture of where they are in their learning. This will be fed onto the new teachers to help support them in their planning.

On Thursday 3 September, the children will spend some time in their new classroom. This will give them time to formally say 'hello' and to hear what the new year will look like for them.

Where can I drop off my child?

The government guidance is that no parents are to be allowed onto the site unless with an appointment. I am currently taking advice on this issue and will need to confirm the plans with you. I feel very uncomfortable asking the children to make their way into school or to arrange collections from the gates. In my opinion, this will increase the pressure on these areas when we could use the staggered starts and the space we have to enable you to socially distance on our site.

My plan, which still requires approval, would request parents of children in Y5 and Y6 to allow the children to enter the school grounds by themselves. All other children could still be brought onto site however parents will need to follow social distancing rules and will be expected to wait in designated areas. Below is the suggested map highlighting where you will be required to stand and wait in order to drop off and collect. Please note if approved, we will need to insist that only one parent comes onto site per child.



What time will my child start?

8:40 Year 6
Year 4
Year 2

8:50 Year 5
Year 3
Year 1

9:00 Reception

What time will they finish?

3:05

3:15

3:25



What do I do if I have siblings starting at different times?

I suggest you drop them both off/collect them both at the earliest time. All we ask is that you confirm your plans via the office (ideally by email - enquiries@mosborough.sheffield.sch.uk), during the first week in September. This will enable them to inform the class teachers.

How will time be made up?

You will notice that all the children will be in school for the same period of time. We have also made an additional tweak and have shortened lunchtime by 15 minutes. This will allow more teaching time and will also reduce the chance of the children becoming bored during lunchtime.

What will the school look like?

The school will still be organised in 'bubbles'. These will now be traditional class-sized bubbles of 30 however, we will be working hard to reduce the amount of mixing by pupils. We do now have the flexibility to use smaller year group bubbles - this will be useful if we need to bring children together for phonics for example.

Staff will also be expected to try and maintain a social distance where possible. The guidance is clear that children will be sitting 'side by side, facing forwards, rather than facing each other.' This will mean the classrooms for children in Y1 onwards will be in rows rather than the model we have utilised over the years. Cleaning will be maintained to the current standards and we anticipate that for most children, they will continue to eat their lunch in their classroom.



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What about break and lunch times?

Break and lunch times will continue to be staggered. There will be no ball games allowed, the government has made it clear that there should be no contact sports played at all in school for the time being. The children will continue to play in designated spaces. We will be providing each class with equipment they can use during these periods.

Curriculum

The government is clear that we should 'teach an ambitious and broad curriculum in all subjects from the start of the autumn term.' We intend to do this. We are confident that our curriculum serves to reinforce basic skills all of the time and this will inspire and challenge our children to achieve. In addition, we have employed three additional teaching assistants to increase our support package for those who may need it.

Will my child be taught by different teachers?

Yes, the government is clear 'all teachers and staff can operate across different classes and year groups'. This will mean we will be able to carry on teaching French and Music. We will also be able to carry on using supply teachers where we need them.

Will there be residential or other educational trips?

There will not be any residential trips for the time being. We have made provisional bookings, just in case the guidance changes but we will have to wait and see how this develops. The government has said we can undertake day trips. However, at the moment, I am nervous about any trips that involve public transport. I will await further guidance before making a final decision about this.

Can my child bring a bag to school?

Yes they can but they will not be able to bring their own pencil cases or pens. We will provide every child with all the equipment they need. This equipment will live on their own desk and travel with them wherever they go. Also, they cannot bring any sort of toys with them no matter how cute or important they are! We are still not allowed to have such items in school. We will aim to gradually reintroduce the cloakrooms but to start with, bags and coats will initially be kept in the classrooms for most classes.

Children in Y5 and Y6 who need to, are able to bring in their mobile phones. However, rather than the routine of handing these into the school office, once in their classrooms they will put their phone in a plastic bag, which will then be put in a box. This will then be stored in the school office until home time when they will be returned to the children. Unless your child needs their mobile phone for before/after school we ask that you discourage them from bringing it in.

Hand Cleaning

The school will continue to make hygiene a key priority. Every child will be given their own bottle of hand sanitiser at the beginning of term. We have also invested in hand sanitiser stations placed around school. The children will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly throughout the day.



Can my child wear a face covering to school?

Yes, although they do not need to wear them whilst they are in school. If your child chooses to wear a face covering to and from school then they will need to bring a plastic bag to store the covering in once they arrive and then follow the same hygiene routines of hand washing.

What happens if there is a local lockdown?

We will switch back to Google Classroom. We have the learning ready, the platform will be used for homework tasks during the year and the children are now familiar with it.

What will happen if there is a reported case of Covid-19 within school?

We will follow the same procedures we already have in school. A confirmed case will result in the class 'bubble' being instructed to isolate, wait for symptoms and then test if necessary.

Will the school reinstate breakfast and after school club?

Yes for both breakfast and afterschool club! However, we will be making some changes. Both clubs will be fixed to a maximum number of 36. Each group will be subdivided into smaller, consistent groups of 12. The children will be on a rota and sent to different areas. All registered children will be sent a letter on 1 September making this clearer than I am being at the moment!

Breakfast club will start at the normal time of 7.45am and children will enter from the dining room. After school club will now finish at 5.30pm. This is to allow for the site to be deep-cleaned after school. Collection will be from the dining room not the main entrance.

What happens on the first day of school? (Wednesday September 2nd)

The children will go to their current class. We will confirm where you stand before the start of term. Your staggered start time will be based upon the current year group. For example if your child is currently in reception they will start at 9am, until Monday 7 September when they become Y1s.

We will confirm this again before the start of term!

Finally

I am certain that this script will provoke plenty of questions! I will go through the information again before the start of term. I am certain that I may even change my mind about a few details as the advice from the government changes! Please remember that this is evolving and I am trying to condense 37 pages of government stuff, coupled with 24 pages of local authority stuff into information that may make a little sense to some of you!

Yours

Martin and Genaya