



# Moretonhampstead Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer and enjoyed some family time. I am delighted to be taking up the role of Academy Headteacher and am very much looking forward to meeting you all. This letter includes updated information in preparation for the children returning to school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

## COVID 19 UPDATES

Following Government advice, we are now required to meet the following 'Control Measures' within school.

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone (enhance hand and respiratory hygiene – washing hands and 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach).
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning routines.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow Public Health England advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of Covid 19.

There is no requirement to continue with 'bubbles', mask wearing, staggered drop offs or pick ups. Whole school events (such as assemblies, shared lunchtimes) can resume.

**However, we still do all need to remain vigilant**, as if there was a 'significant increase in positive cases' there may be a need to 'step measures up' if advised by Public Health England. Staff will continue to test twice weekly with LFT and parents are encouraged to do this at home. There is no requirement for primary aged children to do this, but please watch your children carefully for signs and symptoms of Covid 19 and take action if they have them. Our priority is to keep the school fully open whilst returning to as much normality as possible and offering the highest quality 'face to face' education for all the children.

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## ARRIVING AT AND LEAVING SCHOOL - Reception to Year 6

**DROP OFF** – the staff report that a staggered drop has enabled the children to enter the school building calmly and safely. We therefore would like all children from Reception to Year 6 to be dropped at the main gate between 8.45 and 8.55am. Children in Easdon, Shapley, Mardon and Beckaford classes will walk straight to their classrooms as before.

Children in Pepperdon class will be met in the library by their teacher, before being escorted to the classroom.

Registration is at 9.00am with lessons starting promptly immediately after. Please ensure that your child arrives on time to allow them to hear their class's daily briefing and be ready for the day.

**PICK UP** – children in Pepperdon class will be dismissed from the library doors directly to their assigned adult. All other children will be dismissed from the main gate at 3.30pm. Parents (with the exception of Pepperdon parents) are asked to wait outside the main gate. Staff will 'hand over' younger children to their assigned adult.

## ARRIVING AT AND LEAVING SCHOOL - Preschool

Preschool will continue to use the side gate as before where children will be met by a member of the Preschool team and escorted to the classroom. Drop-off time for preschool is 9am and pick-up time is 3.30pm.

## UNIFORM and PE kits

We expect all children to return to school in full uniform and with a full PE kit. Please see the website [https://moretonhampstead.eschools.co.uk/website/school\\_uniform/473520/cHJldmld3x8MjAyMS0wOS0wMiAwOToyODo1Ng%3D%3D](https://moretonhampstead.eschools.co.uk/website/school_uniform/473520/cHJldmld3x8MjAyMS0wOS0wMiAwOToyODo1Ng%3D%3D)

School has some spare 'preloved' uniform available in the entrance foyer if required and Mrs Gofton will be in the school office on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September after 1.30pm if this is needed. She also has a limited stock of PE T-shirts but will place an order for additional T-shirts within the first two weeks back. An order form will be sent via e-mail.

PE Kits should be brought into school on the first day back and be kept in school, children will change for PE in school.

Please ensure that **ALL** uniform, PE Kits, coats, etc. are **clearly named**. We appreciate how frustrating it is when children don't bring their jumpers and cardigans home, but it is impossible to reunite uniform with its owner if it is not labelled!

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to make school lunch bookings via ParentPay for the next few weeks, or even the whole term if you prefer! It is vital that this is done, even if your child is in receipt of free school meals, to ensure that Zoe can provide your child's meal of choice.

The exception to this, is for those children joining us in reception class who have a paper form to complete for the first two weeks.

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## PARENT WELCOME

You are invited to a 'meet the Head' on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September at either 9am or 2.45pm in the school hall. Both sessions will be the same, but running 2 sessions should allow for social distancing. This is a chance for me to say 'hello' and for you to share all the things you love about the school. I also welcome suggestions for improvement on a 'whole school level'.

If, at any stage, you would like to discuss an individual issue, please contact Mrs Gofton, who will find a mutually convenient time for us to meet.

Kind regards,

Mrs Alex Waterman  
Academy Headteacher

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