

14th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Returning to school with Confidence- Full opening of school- September 2020

As you will have seen in the news, schools will fully open in September to all pupils and **attendance will be mandatory.**

We are really excited that all children will be returning as we have missed the vibrancy of our school. We appreciate that the past four months have been really unsettling with families juggling work, home schooling and a wide range of emotions.

We hope that you and your children are excited to return so in order to enable the safe return of all pupils; the following precautions will be in place:

Precautions we will take include:

- Children will be in their class groups with their teacher (and a Learning Support Assistant for most)
- The same adult will cover the class for PPA time each week
- Desks will be forward facing
- Staggered drop off and pick up times, in conjunction with Moulsham Infant school (protocol attached)
- Staggered break times, lunch times and designated spaces for each half of a year group
- Lunches will be provided in school, should you wish to order- please use the normal online booking system
- Increased cleaning- during the school day as well as our normal procedures
- Reduced use of resources / equipment – children will be provided with a personal stationery set
- Keeping pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home
- Social distancing guides around the school site
- Regular hand washing times
- Private wrap around care providers will be able to drop off and collect pupils at designated points



Please be aware:

- School will start at 8:30am and finish at 2:45pm for all year 4 and 6 children, 8:45am- 3pm for years 3 and 5 children
- The school will not be able to operate in the usual way – class groups will be very much based in one room, with access to an outside area, but with limited equipment
- Parents will only be permitted into the school building for exceptional reasons (eg: collecting a sick child)
- Children do need to wear full school uniform
- Children will need to bring their PE kits into school- some classes may only change into trainers for PE due to changing spaces being very limited
- Children only need to bring a water bottle, packed lunch (if required,) coat/ sunhat, home/school link book. Nothing else is required

What if my child has an underlying health condition?

Shielding advice for all adults and children will pause on 1 August, subject to a continued decline in the rates of community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). This means that even the small number of pupils who will remain on the shielded patient list can also return to school, as can those who have family members who are shielding. The current advice on shielding <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

What if my child has symptoms of Covid19?

Children should not attend if they have symptoms or are self-isolating due to symptoms in their household. If your child becomes ill at school we will contact you as soon as possible.

Do we have to engage with Test and Trace?

Yes- Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

Do I have to send my child in to school?

Yes, attendance is mandatory.

How will school support my child?

We have a detailed recovery plan in place which considers both the emotional and academic recovery of the children. We anticipate that some children may feel worried but we are fully prepared to support them all.

Do we need to wear face masks?

Face masks are not required under current government guidelines.

What about visitors, clubs and educational visits?

We have taken the decision to focus fully on our core purpose during the autumn term and will not therefore be facilitating visitors, any clubs or visits off site. We are keen to ensure the smooth return to school for all children and hope that these additional aspects of school life will return in January.

What if our family needs support over the summer holidays?

Our team will all be taking a break during the summer holidays but we can recommend the following organisations:



Kids Inspire

Kids Inspire: www.kidsinspire.org.uk/

**The
Children's
Society**

Dare to care: www.childrenssocietyeast.org.uk/



Re- new Counselling: www.renew-us.org/

We will email out the **Summer Challenge Diary** from ELSA support with our final newsletter on Friday:



www.elsa-support.co.uk/

Oak National Academy have also set up an Activity Clubs page:



<https://classroom.thenational.academy/activity-clubs#clubs>

Please find below a link to all the DfE guidance for parents and carers:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Thank you- Stay Safe, Stay Happy.

Kind regards,
Marie Staley-Head Teacher

Moulsham Infant and Junior Schools- Start and end of day protocol from September 2020

In order for us to put protective measures in place as all children return to school we need to continue with a more formal system for the start and the end of the school day. These changes to timings, social distancing and parental contact are all part of supporting our schools to best protect all of our children.

Timings

- All pupils in years 4 and 6 will start school at 8:30am and finish school at 2:45pm
- All pupils in years 3 and 5 will start school at 8:45am and finish at 3pm
- Infant children will start at 8.45am, 8.50am or 8.55am – MIS will send out specific details via school letter.
- Infant children will finish at 3.05pm, 3.10pm or 3.15pm - MIS will send out specific details via school letter.
- Oaklands Infants drop-offs are 8:45-9:15 and collections 2:40-3:10
- Please do not arrive earlier than these times as it will defeat the objective of staggering the amount of people on site during any given time period
- If you have children in a range of year groups please adhere to the allocated time and wait (social distanced) if needed

Social distancing

- We have marked out our pathways with a 2m guide (like the super markets) please observe these guidelines at drop off and collection times
- Once you have dropped off your children please leave the site immediately to prevent gatherings and to free up space for others
- Only 1 adult is permitted to drop off/ collect their child/ children

Access to school offices

- Our school offices will not be physically open to parents for the time being. Please call or email us with any messages or queries and we will be happy to assist

Gates and entrances

- Our internal road gate will be closed as normal during the start and end of day times. Our pathway gates will be open including the gates which come around the side of the High School's pitches. Please try to apply social distancing guidelines
- Junior children will enter and exit via their normal year group gates
- EYFS will enter/leave via the side gate, Year 1 via the main school entrance and Year 2 via the gate into the playground in the car park.

Modes of transport

- If it is feasible please walk to school, the junior site has cycle storage for junior children only

