



Moat Farm Junior School Trust

Where we prepare for tomorrow by achieving today

Guidance for families and pupils of Key workers returning on June 1st

Dear parents,

I hope you are all staying well and safe at this difficult time. I want to thank you for all your ongoing support and encouragement. I know we will get through this together and at some point, we will be open as normal. I cannot tell you how much I long for that day!

From June 1st the school will increase the numbers of pupils from Key Worker families. The following is guidance around coming to school safely. Please make sure that you have discussed this with your child before they come back, as school will be very different from when they last attended. The school office remains closed to visitors but please do call us, if you need to speak with someone.

Guidance from Public Health

This was issued yesterday which says if your child is from a vulnerable group or they live with someone who is vulnerable they should not be in school. If your household has members who are over 60, they are now seen as vulnerable by Public Health. Please do not send your child to school if this applies to your family. We have also been advised by Public Health yesterday that if there are any confirmed COVID cases we will have to close. This could be at very short notice. As a working parent myself, I appreciate the huge difficulties this will cause so I want to make you aware of what we are being asked to do. We cannot go against Public Health instructions. Please do not send your child to school if they or anyone else in your household has a cough, a high temperature or has lost their sense of taste and smell. If they have these symptoms, please do not come into school for 14 days and seek medical advice. If your child is unwell, please do not send them into school.

What to send with your child

We will be encouraging children to be active and outside so please send your child dressed for those types of activities including a hat. We cannot use the school supply of caps as we cannot share items between pupils. Please send a water bottle with your child that has been filled up from home. Do not bring in pencil cases or books from home. Please wash lunch boxes every day.

Travel

Please see government guidelines about safe travel:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/884507/passenger-guidance-infographic-document.pdf

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Arrival at school

When children arrive at school, they will enter through a specific class door. This will be the same door every day. A member of staff will be on the door to welcome them. Please ensure you come into school promptly to avoid social gathering. There are markers on the playground to show where children can wait safely. These markers are 2 metres apart. Just one adult should wait with a child. Only the front gates will be open to limit the numbers of people from other schools that use our site as a cut through. The Moat Road entrance and the entrance by Tesco's will be shut. Please do not gather close together at the school gates. At the moment, we are opening at 9 am. This may change if we increase numbers.

In the corridors

In the corridors, 2 metre lines have been put down to guide children and staff. This distance must always be kept between all people. Children and staff will be limited in going into the corridors to prevent too many people being in the corridor at one time. Lockers are not in use.

Classrooms

Classrooms will look different from how they were before. Each classroom has a capacity of 9 children. When entering the classroom, children will sanitise their hands. Each child will have their own desk, seat and stationery. It is vitally important that children stay at their own desk and keep their own stationery safe. Doors and windows will be kept open to ensure ventilation. Again, the reasons for this are to ensure safety and to ensure the correct social distancing measures are in place.

Toilets

Only 2 children are allowed in the toilets at one time. Other children will wait outside on specific spots and wait until a place becomes available in the toilet. Zones have been marked for each sink. Only 2 sinks will be in operation. Children must keep a sink free in between them. Again, this will ensure effective social distancing.

Breaktimes

Children will have designated zones for their class to have break time. Classes must ensure they stay in their specific zone. Teachers will supervise their class at break time. Once break time is finished, children will line up by their door. Again, 2 metre guidelines have been put onto the playground. These guidelines must be adhered to.

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Lunchtimes

Children will eat their lunch in their class. When they have finished, they will go outside onto their specific zone. This will be the same zone as break time. The lunch time supervisors will ensure all children remain 2 metres apart.

End of day arrangements

The school gates will be open at 3pm. As soon as children can see their parents, they can be dismissed. All children are to remain at their desk until the teacher informs them that their parent/guardian is here. The children will leave through the same door they were dropped off at. Please stay at least 2metres away from others. Please be on time collecting your children.

I look forward to the day when the above is unnecessary. Until that time, please keep safe and well.

Best wishes,

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