Mortimer Primary School March 8th Return

Updated 02.03.21The school will reopen on Monday 8th March 2021 to all pupils.

We must stress:

- All pupils are expected to return unless a medical exemption is in place.
- Any plans the school make are subject to change

Key Information

Area of Challenge	School Response			
Curriculum	 A full curriculum will be delivered, which targets the best possible route to ensure progression for all. As a school, we will support the mental well-being of our pupils. Reading books can be taken home as they contribute to the education and development of the pupils. Please return any books from previous lockdowns. 			
Social Distancing in School	 We will be following social distancing guidelines wherever possible. Year groups will be classed as bubbles. Children will be forward facing, where rooms allow, from Year 2 upwards. Due to the layout of the building, first aid and the nature of children, keeping 2m apart at a times will not be possible or practical and parents should understand this. Systems are in place to avoid bubbles passing in corridors Assemblies will take place, but only for year group bubbles. Parent assemblies continue to be postponed. 			
Break Times	 Reception and KS1 classes have both a morning and afternoon break time. KS2 will have a main break in the morning. Teachers will create other natural breaks, inside school, to accompany the outside breaks. Eg snack time The yard is zoned for each year group to avoid crossover. Unfortunately, large group games such as football will not be allowed. 			
Main Entrance	 Only one adult in the reception area at a time please. The foyer toilet is not for use by the public at any time. 			
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	 As per government guidance, staff will wear face coverings where social distancing is not possible with other adults. This does not include whilst teaching. Any child arriving with PPE, from using public transport, will need to be accompanied by an adult who will take the PPE with them. It cannot be brought into school. Pupils should not bring face masks into school. We ask that parents wear face coverings when dropping off and picking up. 			
Pupil IIIness	 Any pupil with symptoms of Covid19 should not come to school. Parents will be asked to collect children showing any symptoms. Children should not attend school if family members show symptoms or are awaiting test results. 			
Attendance & Fines	Return is compulsory. Any families deciding against returning their child should note the following: o Non-attendance will be marked as unauthorised absence unless medically exempt.			
Lunch Times	 Lunch times are staggered and kept to one-year group at a time. All children stay together until the year group is finished eating. 			
Lunch and Parent Pay	Parent Pay should be used to order and pay for school meals by Wednesday each week.			
PE	 PE kits should be brought into school and kept for the half term. Please ensure they are named and come in the smallest bag possible. 			
School uniform	Children should wear school uniform as per our policy.			
Birthdays	 It is still not possible for sweets and cakes to be brought into school. We continue to set aside time each month to have in class celebrations. 			

Practical Measures

Area of Challenge Start of the school day	 School Response We are operating a fluid start to the school day for years 1 - 6 School gates will be open for children from 8:30 until 8:50. Years 1 and 2 will enter their yard after being greeted by a member of staff. No parents will be allowed on the yard on a morning. Children should not enter the yard until a teacher is present at the gate. Year 3 - 6 will access the KS2 yard and stay in their zone with staff around to support and direct children. Nursery children will enter via the hall doors to the side of nursery. Parents dropping children off should use the pavement on the school side. Once dropped off, please can parents cross over and use the car park pavement. Please limit the number of adults entering the school grounds wherever possible and follow social distancing. The car park will remain open. 			
Nursery Collection	Via the main nursery door			
Reception Collection	Via the hall doors			
Year 1 - 2 Collection	 Only year 1 parents should enter the yard for 3:15. Find a white box and stand in the middle of it to ensure social distancing Children will be dismissed to those closest to the front first Parents should then walk down the fence side and out. Please cross over to the carpark pavement to help the flow of parents. Year 2 parents should wait until year 1 have successfully dismissed their pupils before following the points above at approx. 3:25 			
Year 3 – 6 Collection	 Years 3 and 5 will be on the yard for dismissal at 3:25 Years 4 and 6 will follow at 3:30 Please can parents wait away from the school steps to allow children to exit safely Discuss with your child where you hope to wait for them (socially distanced) to aid their exit 			
Start and Finish Times	Year Group Nursery	Start AM - 8:35 PM - 12:40 All day – 8:40	Finish AM - 11:35 PM - 3:40 All day – 3:40	
	Reception	8:45-8:55	3:10 RGB 3:15 RKL 3:20 RLN	
	Year 1	8:30-8:50	3:15	
	Year 2	8:30-8:50	3:25	
	Year 3	8:30-8:50	3:25	
	Year 4	8:30-8:50	3:30	
	Year 5	8:30-8:50	3:25	
Communicating with staff	Year 68:30-8:503:30• At times, it will be difficult to catch staff at the beginning or end of the day.• Where possible, please direct your queries to the school office.• Emails should not be sent directly to teachers and will not be answered.			
Sibling Links	 As the timings of the day are slightly different, we recognise that some waiting times may extend past the usual 10mins waiting time. Most have only extended by 5mins. We ask you therefore to wait, if possible in your car, until your other children exit. If you have children in Nursery PM and Year 1, we can look at releasing your nursery child earlier to avoid any excessive waiting. 			
Equipment	 Children will have their own stationery equipment, provided by the school, that only they must use. Items should not be brought from home. Children will not share equipment. Only lunch bags and book bags please. We ask that pupils do not bring bulky back packs to school to reduce the amount of storage that needs to be used in school. Pupils can bring their own drinks bottle (water only). Please label to avoid confusion. 			
Hygiene	 Immediately on arrival, pupils will wash their hands in either the school toilet facilities, practical area or in the outside wash basins. 3 outside washbasins (4 taps at each) providing hot water and soap have been installed in the junior and infant yard. Pupils will continue to wash their hands at regular intervals throughout the day. School will be cleaned each day. With high traffic areas cleaned more regularly. 			