

29/06/2021

Important arrangements for transition and the new academic year

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is staggering to think that I wrote to you at around this time last year to make you aware of the arrangements for the full reopening of school following the first national lockdown. Since then, we have lived through a situation which has transformed our world and affected every aspect of our lives in ways that we could not have imagined. Still, we have persevered and with your support and the resilience of our staff and your children we have made the most out of a difficult period. I know that most families will be yearning for school to return to “normal”, but I must prepare you for the most likely scenario which is that we will still have some protective measures in place in September.

I anticipate that when we return from the summer holiday the DfE will still advise that we organise the children into bubbles and have some protective measures such as distancing and one-way systems so that as many children as possible can remain in school. This, however, needs to be balanced with our ability to deliver an effective education. With this in mind, we have reviewed our measures and would like to inform you about the following measures which we will keep under constant review.

Timings

We would like to continue to offer an extended drop off window so that we can avoid overcrowding but we would like all children in school by 9am. **This means that the new drop off window will be any time between 8.40am and 9.00am. Children arriving after 9am will be late.**

At the end of the day, we will continue to have staggered collection times, but we are going to bring these closer together so that the children get a longer day in school. The collection times from September will be as follows:

| Year group | Collection time | Collection point |
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| Nursery & Reception | 2.55pm | Nursery and Reception classroom doors |
| Year 6 | 3.05pm | End of the building by the small football pitch |
| Years 1, 2 & 3 | 3.10pm | Classroom doors |
| Year 4 | 3.15pm | Door opposite the EYFS playground |
| Year 5 | 3.15pm | End of the building by the small football pitch |

Executive Headteacher: Mrs. J. Ashcroft

One-way System

The one-way system will remain in place meaning that you can access the site via the main gates on Old Moat Lane and Whitchurch Road. You must exit the site via the side gate on Hough Road or via the Whitchurch Road gate. When moving around the site please follow the one-way arrows.

Uniform

We relaxed some of our expectations around uniform to be supportive to families during the pandemic. **From September I expect to see all children wearing full school uniform every day.** P.E kits should be brought into school and left in a bag on your child's peg. Children are permitted to wear simple stud earrings but no other jewelry.

Dates before we break-up for the summer holiday

Due to current restrictions and the rising infection rate, we cannot complete our transition and leavers activities in the usual format. We will still ensure that Year 6 get a special send off to high school and that all children understand who their new teacher will be and which classroom they will be in.

Mr Pye and Mr Seisay will ensure that all year groups experience a Sport's Day during their P.E lessons. Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite parents to watch these.

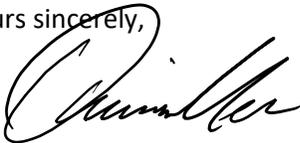
Most classes will be mixed ahead of the new academic year and the new classes will be announced and a transition video by your child's new teacher released on Wednesday 14th July. This video will be played to the children in their current bubbles so that they know who their new teacher is, which children will be in their class and which classroom they will be in. Videos will be available on the school blog at www.oldmoat.manchester.sch.uk/blog from 14th July.

Class parties will be held on Tuesday 20th July. Children can wear party clothes on this day but we will not be sharing food from home due to our COVID risk assessment. On this day, your child's end of year report will also be released.

We break-up for the summer holiday on Wednesday 21st July. The new school year starts on Monday 6th September.

I wish you all a peaceful and healthy summer break.

Yours sincerely,



Mr O. Kerr

Headteacher