

18th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please note: this is subject to change depending on the latest Government updates.

As you are aware, Y6 were named as one of the priority year groups to return to Moorside, if the Government makes the decision that schools should open week commencing 1st June. I shared the actions that we would be taking as a school to try and reduce the risks associated with the spread of Covid-19 in my last letter to you.

I believe that our Country is currently at 4 moving towards level 3. If this is still the case when schools reopen, we aim to enforce strict social distancing and hygiene rules in small 'pod' groups of 7 - 8 pupils and have a staggered start and end to the school day. If they are in school, your child will be doing the same work in the learning packs as those at home, set by Miss Rogan. Phone calls home and Marvellous Me's will also continue. The reason for this is because we do not want you to feel that you HAVE to send your child back to school initially, and that they might be disadvantaged if you don't. You must make a decision based on what you feel is best for your child and your family.

COVID Alert Levels		
Level	Description	Action
5	As level 4 and there is a material risk of healthcare services being overwhelmed	Social distancing measures increase from today's level
4	A COVID-19 epidemic is in general circulation; transmission is high or rising exponentially	Current social distancing measures and restrictions
3	A COVID-19 epidemic is in general circulation	Gradual relaxing of restrictions and social distancing measures
2	COVID-19 is present in the UK, but the number of cases and transmission is low	No or minimal social distancing measures; enhanced testing, tracing, monitoring and screening
1	COVID-19 is not known to be present in the UK	Routine international monitoring

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In school, depending on numbers, the Year 6 children may not be taught by their usual teacher, Miss Rogan, however, they will have some contact with her through activities that we will arrange for them to do in the outdoors. They will be with a member of staff who is familiar with them.

Once we know which children will be attending school, we will ask your child to help us with arranging groups, so that they are with some of their friends. It may be that your child is given an alternative start date within the first week back at school after half term, so that we can ensure that all actions and safety measures on our Risk Assessments are in place. We have set-up a parental survey via Survey Monkey, to collect your current thoughts on your child returning to school. This will be e-mailed to you separately and there will be a link via our website under 'Parental Surveys'. Please complete this survey by Wednesday 20th May at 12.00pm to help us with planning for next half term. Any questions will be answered either personally or through FAQ feedback.

Many thanks for your feedback. It is so important to work in partnership to support each of our children as individuals. We really do miss all our children at Moorside, and as always, our priority is to do our utmost to help them to feel safe and happy, whether they are in school or learning at home. Please do not hesitate to contact me, Mrs Price or Miss Rogan at school if we can help or support you in any way.

Best wishes,
Mrs Rowett