



11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Friends,

I can't tell you what a pleasure it has been to welcome all our children back into school this week. They have settled in brilliantly and got straight into our new routines. Well done Y6 for having a 100% attendance so far! We have welcomed Thembe, Cebi, Kabian, Davi, Viktorija, Ruby and Elijah to our Moorside team, and look forward to meeting Charlie and Ryder on Monday!

Our stay and play sessions for our Nursery children have also gone really well this week...it has been lovely for our staff to meet our new parents and children.

Thank you SO much for helping us in school by equipping the children with what they need, coming to school at the staggered start and finish times and getting them ready into the correct clothes for PE and Forest school. Just a few reminders:

- The main drive from Harrogate Road is the **least** safe access point into school on foot. **We do not** advise that you use this entrance, but if you do, please walk on the footpath and not up the drive.
- **Please do not** drive up to the staff car park from 8.30am onwards. There are lots of pedestrians in the vicinity and it is not safe.
- **Please do not** send your child to school with a rucksack, as we cannot store them so that children can safely access them when needed during the day. If you're struggling to get hold of a book bag, please contact the school office and we will do our best to help.
- Children in years 2, 5 and 6 who have Forest School this half term **must** have waterproofs and wellies, which can come to school in a carrier bag on the day, to be stored on pegs outside the school building under a shelter.

On Tuesday morning, we will have labelled boxes at the entrance areas of school, so that your child can return any of their home learning work from during our closure, to share with their teacher. This will need to be quarantined for 3 days before we access it in school. Please do not worry if you would rather keep this at home.

Thank you for following our protocols in line with the Government guidance; these are in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. If you have any questions at all or need to send messages or information to your child's class teacher, please email our school office at: [admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk).

Now that we feel secure that all our new systems and protocols are in place and school is running smoothly, whilst adhering to the guidelines, the teachers will send out their learning letters, topic mats and class timetables by the middle of next week, so that you can share your child's learning with them.

We will also be sending our Home-School Charter home for you to read with your child.

We will have Jeans for Genes day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September, to raise money for children with genetic disorders. You can find information about the purpose of the event at <https://www.jeansforgenesday.org>. On Friday, your child can wear denim to school with their school jumper on top for a donation to the charity. Many thanks.

The children seem very tired after long days and a busy first week back, so I hope you all have the chance to relax and catch up on sleep over the weekend. Thank you so much for all your support in the reopening of school - I really appreciate it and feel that we have a fantastic school year ahead of us.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Rowett