



Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to 'welcome you back' into the rhythm of school, with some reminders and information that might help you to prepare for the first couple of days of term and the weeks ahead!

I am always surprised at how quickly we reach this point in the Summer holidays! Some of you will be on count down and feeling excited for the start of the new school year and some of you will be counting the number of mornings until the dreaded alarm clock will be set, to get back into a routine!

I am sure we have some children who are nervous about the transition into school/back into school for the new school year.... and those who are very excited and cannot wait to skip through the door on Tuesday morning! These feelings (or a combination of them) are totally normal!

There might be some activities to help your child to feel ready, in our transition toolkit at:

<https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Moorside-Primary-School-and-Nursery-Transition-Support-1.pdf> on our website!

School Uniform

Our school uniform details are on our website at <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/school-uniform/>

All children in Reception to Year 6 need a blue school book bag. They also need their own water bottle if they are in Key Stage 1 or 2. Please ensure that their uniform and all other items are named. Please do not send a pencil case into school with your child - all required stationery is provided.

Our children receive their first hoodie for PE for **free**. These are provided by the Friends of Moorside. Thereafter, they can be purchased from the Ripon Uniform Shop.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to send any (clean and in good condition) uniform (including wellies and trainers) that do not fit your child into school on Wednesday 7th September (delivered to the school office). At the end of the day on Thursday 8th September (3.30pm), you will be able to view the second hand uniform in the hall and can 'buy' items for a donation of your choice. We cannot guarantee that we will have particular sizes or items, but we hope that this is something that you will find useful. Funds raised from uniform donations will go to the Friends of Moorside and therefore provide additional educational experiences and resources for our children.

School Meals

School meals are £2.45 per day or £12.25 per week. Please make sure that school meals are paid for in advance on Parent Pay if your child is in Key Stage 2. Many thanks.



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PE and Forest School Days

On the first day of term, every child should be in school uniform (not PE kit please). We will then send further information about PE and Forest School days for each year group, so that the children are ready each day in the correct kit for their learning activities.

This half term, EYFS and Y1 will have Forest School on a Friday and Y3 and Y4 will have Forest School on a Wednesday, so please ensure that they have wellies and waterproofs ready and named!

Attendance

Our school day begins at 8.45am for children in Nursery and ends at either 11.45am or 3.15pm for this year group depending on their funding.

School begins at 8.50am for all other year groups.

Reception, Year 1 and 2 finish at 3.15pm and Years 3-6 finish at 3.20pm.

Please make sure that you are on time for school and collection at the end of the day. Lessons and learning tasks begin straight away.

I cannot authorise holiday requests during term-time unless for exceptional circumstances as outlined in the 'Request for Leave of Absence' form. I am more than happy to discuss this in person with you if you feel that you would be eligible. All attendance and term-time holidays are monitored by the Local Authority.

Buddies

We are currently able to keep our Buddies wrap around care charges the same at £4.50 for breakfast and £3.50 until 4.30pm and £9.00 until 5.30pm (which includes a snack). We must have bookings for wrap around care in advance to ensure that we can provide the correct ratios for staffing. A September booking form has been attached if you need to book any sessions.

School Building Work and Improvements!

We have had some extensive building works in school over the Summer and look forward to helping the children to settle back into their fantastic new learning environments. We will share some photos with you via our school Facebook page in due course!

Finally, a HUGE congratulations to Miss Rogan who got married to Mr Jemmett on 16th August in Cyprus! We look forward to welcoming her back to school as Mrs Jemmett next week!

The school office will be open from 10.30am on Monday 6th September for any questions or queries that you have but otherwise, we really look forward to welcoming you back for the new school year 2022-2023 on Tuesday 7th September.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

