



12.10.20

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here are a few reminders, suggestions and requests to help us to continue keep our school community safe and to support good communication.

### **Face Coverings**

Some parents are now wearing face coverings when they bring and collect their children to and from school. This is a really good idea and is another step to protecting others and by doing so, helping to keep the community safe.

### **Safe Parking**

Thank you for all of those families who are walking to school wherever possible or who, if driving, are considering the safety and well-being of others through safe and polite parking. We would love this to be something that everyone takes on board – a little action that has a big impact and shows respect for others, which is always great for the children to see and to learn from.

### **Keeping Warm**

The guidance from the county Health and Safety team is still to keep rooms well-ventilated, with enough windows open to aid good ventilation. Obviously as the weather gets colder, we need to make sure everyone is keeping warm. We have contacted school uniform providers to enquire about the cost of fleeces that many Moorhill children used to wear, as they would be lovely and warm on top of a school jumper. We will keep you posted on this.

### **Absences**

If your child is unwell and not able to come into school, please contact us via the school office – a message can be left if you cannot get through to a member of staff (phone lines are often busy in the morning). At the moment, some messages go to the office, some to teachers and some to school leaders and this makes it difficult to collate the information – straight to the office



phone lines would really help us ensure we have your messages at the start of the school day.

### **DOJO**

Any questions about class routines or events, for example linked to P.E. days, homework, home learning etc are best sent to the class teacher via DOJO. If they are more general, for example, school dinner menus, these are best directed to the school office. If you have a worry or concern that is better as a spoken discussion rather than through DOJO, please message the class teacher and ask if they could give you a call.

We want to work together to help with any worries you may have at this difficult time – please help us with this by ensuring messages and calls are respectful.

### **Home Learning**

If children are self-isolating but are well, eg they or a family member has a symptom but they are well enough to work and, were it not for covid, would be in school, please ensure your child completes the home learning that is posted on Class DOJO (it is posted each Monday, with work for the week). The government expectation is that schools provide work and the work is completed. Supporting your child with the work means that he/she is less likely to fall behind in class and that on return back to school, will be able to quickly move on with learning with his/her peers. If you have difficulty accessing it via DOJO, please message the class teacher as they will be able to help make the work accessible. Once your child has completed work, please upload it on the portfolio – please message the teacher if you are concerned that it has not been seen.

### **Governor Opportunity**

We are looking for an additional parent governor with a background or interest in Health and Safety. If you are interested, please email the school office on



[office@moorhill.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@moorhill.staffs.sch.uk) with brief details about why you are interested in the post and what you could bring to the Governing Body.

### **Birthdays**

Unfortunately for the time being, we ask that children do not bring in sweets to share because only the essentials for the school day need to come into school and we need to avoid items from different households being distributed to the class. This is part of keeping everyone safe. Don't worry, we will still make your children feel extra special on their birthday with lots of smiles and happy birthday wishes!

### **Hot Chocolate Friday**

Although we cannot celebrate 'Over and Above' behaviour with hot chocolate in the office as previously, you may know that we have an alternative in place. It's a case of cold chocolate on both sites now (a Freddo) and on the Pye Green Road site has been renamed as 'Cold Freddo Friday'! We buy the Freddos in bulk (they are not brought in from home) and they are left untouched for several days prior to being awarded to a child from each class, to maximise safety. It has been lovely to see how pleased children are for the person in their class who receives the award – lots of applause, smiles and 'Well done's' all round!

### **Reading**

One other little request – if your child tends not to read at home, I ask that you make reading part of your evening routine. If at every opportunity your child reads, and you read to your child, the impact this has on their learning in all subject areas can be huge.

***“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.” (Dr. Seuss)***

### **A Message of Thanks**



Once again, I'd like to thank you for your continued support. The start and end of the day seem to be working really well now and children seem very confident walking in.

Stay Safe,

Mrs S Sindrey