



MOLDGREEN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have heard the government announcement that schools will be open for all pupils' full-time education from **8th September 2020**.

Our school has been welcoming pupils in different year groups back to school since June. We approached this with great caution, reviewing all the scientific advice to ensure that we could be as safe as possible. This worked extremely well, as our safety measures and risk assessments were excellent.

We are delighted that we can now look forward to seeing all our pupils back in September. We have been extremely busy writing and updating risk assessments so that we can fully reopen in September. The Government has stated: 'Given the improved position, the balance of risk is now overwhelmingly in favour of children returning to school. For the vast majority of children, the benefits of being back in school far outweigh the very low risk from coronavirus (COVID-19)'. We're working hard to consider how we group pupils together, ensure that we reduce contact between different groups of pupils, and keep the stringent cleaning and disinfecting processes we already have in place to ensure that our school is as safe as can be for your child.

In preparation, there are some key points that you need to be aware of to ensure that your child is safe. Please be aware some details may change; we will keep you updated via the school website.

- 1. You must ensure that if anyone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms, your child does NOT attend school. Any child or staff member who develops symptoms in the school day will be sent home immediately. If anyone in your household, or your child, tests positive for COVID-19 you MUST inform school.**
2. The government has advised walking or cycling to school wherever possible to reduce the use of public transport.
3. Attendance at school will be compulsory for the vast majority of children. The government had relaxed the rules on attendance during lockdown. However, this will change in September. The government guidance says: 'Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. School attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term.'
4. Pupils and staff will not be wearing face coverings in school. The government advice is quite clear that this is not necessary. If face coverings are used on public transport to get to school, they must be removed and safely disposed of or stored before entry to the building.
5. Your child will be expected to follow strict behaviour rules relating to physical contact with other pupils, and keeping their hands clean. Pupils will be expected to wash their hands regularly, and/or use hand sanitiser.
6. If your child has Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) Mrs Szewczyk will contact you to explain what provision will look like from September.
7. Our school kitchen will reopen in September, and lunches will be available but be a packed lunch initially. Pupils eligible for free school meals will return to having their lunch at school, and will no longer receive lunch vouchers.
8. In order to maintain social distancing during social times, the playground will be zoned. It will be really important that your child stays within the area that they are told to. Year groups will be kept apart from other year groups.



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- 9. It will be more important than ever that your child has their own equipment in school to ensure that this does not need to be shared. Each child will be provided with a set of equipment; please do not send pencil cases into school.
- 10. Pupils will be expected to wear school uniform.
- 11. There will be staggered starts and endings to the school day. The playground gates will open at 8.45am. Please use the playground and front of school to socially distance. Only one adult should bring your child. **Families with siblings can arrive at school at the time of the youngest child. At pick up the eldest children will collect the youngest then meet the parent.**

We understand that some of you and your children will be anxious about returning in September, after some months out of school. Please be reassured that we are taking exceptional measures to make our schools as safe as can be. We will be providing additional emotional and wellbeing support for all pupils, and will also be providing additional opportunities to support learning where this is required. Although very many of our pupils have worked hard using our remote learning resources provided by our dedicated teachers, we are fully aware that learning has been lost. We are all determined that your sons and daughters will absolutely not be ‘a lost generation’ and we’re adapting our curriculum to make sure that they get the learning and knowledge that they need to achieve success in the future.

Your children deserve a great and safe education – we will not let them down.

Best wishes

Helen Pearson
 Headteacher

Timings of school

Year group	Start time	Finish time	Drop off/pick up point
Nursery	Staggered start. Parents will be notified.		
Reception	8.50am	2.50pm	Front of school
Year 1	9.00am	3.00pm	Front of school playground
Year 2	9.00am	3.00pm	Front of school
Year 3	8.55am	2.55pm	Main playground
Year 4	8.55am	2.55pm	Sports pitch
Year 5	9.05am	3.05pm	Main Playground
Year 6	9.05am	3.05pm	Sports pitch