

Moon's Moat First School

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Dear Parents,

We are very happy to welcome all our children back to school, it is lovely to see them again and to welcome our new children. The children have settled really well in the first couple of days including our new Reception classes who have been amazing.

To keep our children safe we are keeping some of our COVID-19 measures:

- To minimize face to face contact as much as possible please contact school by email or telephone if you can (teachers can be contacted on the year group emails - [nursery@](mailto:nursery@moonsmoat.worcs.sch.uk), reception@, yearone@, yeartwo@, yearthree@, yearfour@moonsmoat.worcs.sch.uk).
- we are continuing with our additional cleaning routines,
- teachers and staff are taking LFT tests twice weekly,
- We ask that you socially distance as far as possible in the playgrounds and leave promptly at the beginning and end of the day.

We hope to reintroduce school clubs, Year Four swimming lessons, hot meals for years 3 and 4 and educational visits later this term. Further information to follow.

Thank you for all your support,

Mrs. S. Fisher

Headteacher

Contact Details

If you have changed your contact details recently or you have started work please let us know. It is very important that we are able to contact you in an emergency and distressing for children when we cannot.

Absence

We are aiming for at least 95% attendance this year. Children are more settled and make better progress when they come to school on time and every day. As children have 14 weeks holiday a year, we strongly discourage the taking of holidays during term time. In line with Government regulations no leave of absence will be authorised.

If your child is unwell please do not send them to school and if they display any symptoms of Coronavirus please book a test for them immediately.



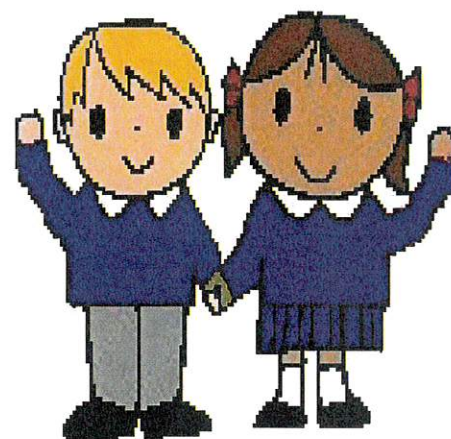
Upcoming Events

September 20

Family Support Worker in school

October 4

School photos



If your child is absent it is important to please telephone the school office or report it online via the 'contact us' page on our website. Please do not only tell the teacher as they may not remember to pass the message on. If your child has an appointment please let us know as soon as possible and let the office have a copy of the appointment letter.

School holiday dates are given below and are also on our website.

Safety

Please do not leave children unsupervised on the school playground, the play equipment should not be used before and after school.

School opens at 8.50 am. The gates are locked at 9.10am – latecomers should come in via the main office **with an adult**. We understand that some children in Year 1 may still need support for a week or two, but we ask you not to come into the cloakroom as space is very limited.

At the end of the day all children are told that they must come back into school if the person they expect to collect them is not there. Please make sure your children know who is meeting them.

If you come to school by car, please park in the top car park. The lower, gated car park is for use by staff, school taxis, deliveries and emergency vehicles only. The children know that they should not walk across this car park. Please use the footpaths.

Please remember not to allow children to ride bikes and scooters in the playground and please do not bring dogs into the playground.

Earrings

For health and safety reasons children with pierced ears should wear **small studs** only to school. Hoops are not permitted.

Family Support Worker

Lisa, our family support worker will be available on alternate Mondays she will be in school again on 20th September. Please contact the office if you would like to make an appointment to speak to her.

School Meals

We have ordered sandwiches for next week for all Reception who had them this week. We are sending out an order form for the full choice of meals today, this will start from 20th September and must be returned by Wednesday, 15th September. Children in Reception through to Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Meals for children in Years 3 and 4 cost £2.30 per day unless you are entitled to income-based free school meals. If you think you may be entitled to income based free school meals but have not applied yet, please apply online via the Worcestershire County Council website. Meals can be paid for online – please contact the school office for details. We will continue to provide sandwiches for KS2 for the time being and will let you know when we can start to offer hot meals again.

Money

Payment for trips, workshops and clubs should be made **online** wherever possible. There is a link on our home page to the 'Eduspot' website. Once a payment has been set up you will receive a text notifying you, along with your password. If you cannot pay online you can pay in cash or by cheque – please send it into the school office in an envelope **clearly labelled with your child's name and what the payment is for**.

Consent form for trips (except Reception)

We will be sending out a consent form for 2021/22 trips out of school in the next few days, please complete and return this asap. Without it we are unable to take your child out on visits. Many thanks.

Medicine

Should your child require medicine during the school day it is your responsibility as a parent to come to school to administer it. **In exceptional circumstances and if the medicine is prescribed to be given 4 times per day** we will administer medicine if a form is filled in and signed by parents. We cannot administer medicine which has not been prescribed by a doctor.

A copy of our Privacy Notice is available on our website for you to read.

School Holiday Dates 2021/2022

Holiday	School will close after school On	School will reopen on
Autumn Term	N/A	Monday 6 September 2021
Autumn mid-term	Friday 22 October 2021	Monday 1 November 2021
Christmas	Friday 17 December 2021	Wednesday 5 January 2022
Spring mid-term	Friday 18 February 2022	Monday 28 February
Easter	Thursday 7 April 2022	Monday 25 April 2022
Bank Holiday	Friday 29 April 2022	Tuesday 3 May 2022
Summer mid-term	Friday 27 May 2022	Monday 6 June 2022
End of summer term	Wednesday 20 July 2022	N/A

5 agreed TEDs (Teacher Education Days) are: Thursday 2 September and Friday 3 September 2021, Tuesday 4 January, Friday 8 April and Thursday 21 July 2022