

Mortimer Primary School

September Return 2020



We've missed you...a lot!

We are relieved to bring our plans to you for our return to school in September. We hope that you and your family are healthy and have found some positives during these challenging times.

The last few months have been unprecedented, but as we continue to forge forward we have much to be grateful for and lots to look forward to.

As we all search for our place in the new normal, staff are brimming with excitement to have pupils back in classrooms and to begin the task of teaching and supporting every child back on their educational journey. Some staff have moved year groups and we have welcomed new faces into our team, however we return with the same passion and determination to provide excellence for all.

Classrooms are set up and lessons are prepared. All we are waiting for are the pupils, who make the corridors hum and the classrooms buzz. It's time to get back to what we do best!

We cannot wish for the lost time back, but we can strive to make the most of the days, weeks and months in front of us. To strengthen friendships, develop confidence and rebuild the Mortimer Family again.

There is much to take in of the 'new' school day and the tweaks and changes we have made. Please take the time to digest the information contained on the following pages. If you have questions, after reading, then we will be happy to answer them.

We know that some of our alterations will take time to settle in and we therefore ask that you work with us. This is especially true as we look to move 600+ pupils off school premises at the end of the day. Never have we needed the Mortimer family to work together more than during these next few weeks and months.

Our plan is to keep these measures in place and review at October half term. Of course, we continue to work with the Local Authority and within the guidelines set out by the Government. Ultimately, we work to ensure the safety of our pupils and our staff. We hope that this provides an open and transparent overview of the measures we have put in place. Our Risk Assessments have been approved by the Governing Body, Health and Safety and sent to appropriate Unions.

We will continue to share key updates via text messages, our website or Face Book group.

On behalf of all the Mortimer staff - thank you for your continuing support.
We look forward to seeing you soon...it's been too long!



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Updated 02.09.20

The school will reopen on Monday 7th September 2020.

- Years 1 to 6 will return fully on Monday following the guidance below.
- Nursery have meet and greet sessions Mon 7th & Tues 8th, before starting fully on Wednesday 9th.
- Reception will begin, in allocated sessions, Thurs 11th & Fri 12th.

Key worker, Priority and Phase procedures are no longer in place and information relating to those groups should not be referred to as we move into the new academic year.

We must stress:

- All pupils are expected to return unless a medical exemption is in place.
- Any plans the school make are subject to change

Key Information

Area of Challenge	School Response
Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A full curriculum will be delivered.• Teachers will adapt age appropriate sessions which target the best possible route to ensure progression for all.• As a school, we will support the mental well-being of our pupils, whilst identifying where additional support is needed to develop academically.• Reading books can be taken home as they contribute to the education and development of the pupils.
Social Distancing in School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will be following social distancing guidelines wherever possible.• Year groups will be classed as bubbles.• Children will be forward facing, where rooms allow, from Year 2 upwards.• Due to the layout of the building, first aid and the nature of children, keeping 2m apart at all times will not be possible or practical and parents should understand this.• Corridors will operate in a one-way system around school at busy times of the day.• Assemblies will take place, but only for year group bubbles.• Parent assemblies are postponed until further notice.
Break Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To enable the restructuring of the school day, each year group will have only one outside break time during the day of 15 minutes.• KS2 will have a morning break and KS1 an afternoon break.• Teachers will create other natural breaks, inside school, to accompany the outside breaks. Eg snack time• The yards will be zoned for each year group to avoid crossover. Unfortunately, large group games such as football will not be allowed.
New Main Entrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The main entrance has a new lobby area. Please following social distancing when entering.• Please queue on the ramp if waiting to speak to the office staff.• The foyer toilet is not for use by the public at any time.
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As per government guidance, staff will not wear any PPE unless there is a medical issue or other required situation.• Any child arriving with PPE, from using public transport, will need to be accompanied by an adult who will take the PPE with them. It cannot be brought into school.• Pupils should not bring face masks into school.• We recognise that parents may wish to wear masks around the school site.
Pupil Illness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any pupil with symptoms of Covid19 should not come to school.• Parents will be asked collect children showing any symptoms.
Attendance & Fines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Return is compulsory.• Any families deciding against returning their child should note the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Non-attendance will be marked as unauthorised absence unless medically exempt.○ Poor attendance may trigger fines.
Lunch Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunch times are staggered and kept to one-year group at a time. All children stay together until the year group is finished eating.
Lunch and Parent Pay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Pay should be used to order and pay for school meals
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PE kits should be brought into school and kept for the half term.• Please ensure they are named and come in the smallest bag possible.
School uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children should wear school uniform as per our policy.

Practical Measures

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Start of the school day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are operating a fluid start to the school day for years 1 - 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School gates will be open for children from 8:30 until 8:50. ○ Years 1 and 2 will enter their yard after being greeted by a member of staff. No parents will be allowed on the yard on a morning. Staff who recognise your child will be on hand at this time, as children get to know their new teacher. ○ Year 3 - 6 will access the KS2 yard and stay in their zone with staff around to support and direct children. ● Nursery children will access school via the nursery door as normal. ● Reception children will enter via the hall doors to the side of nursery. ● Parents dropping children off should use the pavement on the school side. Once dropped off, please can parents cross over and use the car park pavement. ● Please limit the number of adults entering the school grounds wherever possible and follow social distancing. ● The car park will remain open. 		
Nursery Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Via the main nursery door 		
Reception Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Via the hall doors 		
Year 1 - 2 Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Only year 1 parents should enter the yard for 3:15. ● Find a white box and stand in the middle of it to ensure social distancing ● Children will be dismissed to those closest to the front first ● Parents should then walk down the fence side and out. ● Please cross over to the carpark pavement to help the flow of parents. ● Year 2 parents should wait until year 1 have successfully dismissed their pupils before following the points above at approx. 3:25 ● Please be aware that it may take several days until this runs smoothly in the 10mins we have allocated. 		
Year 3 – 6 Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Years 3 and 5 will be on the yard for dismissal at 3:25 ● Years 4 and 6 will follow at 3:30 ● Please can parents wait away from the school steps to allow children to exit safely ● Discuss with your child where you hope to wait for them (socially distanced) to aid their exit 		
Start and Finish Times	Year Group	Start	Finish
	Nursery	AM - 8:40 PM - 12:40 All day – 8:40	AM - 11:40 PM - 3:40 All day – 3:40
	Reception	8:50	3:20
	Year 1	8:30-8:50	3:15
	Year 2	8:30-8:50	3:25
	Year 3	8:30-8:50	3:25
	Year 4	8:30-8:50	3:30
	Year 5	8:30-8:50	3:25
Year 6	8:30-8:50	3:30	
Communicating with staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It will be very difficult if not impossible to catch staff at the beginning or end of the day. ● Where possible, please direct your queries to the school office. 		
Sibling Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As the timings of the day are slightly different, we recognise that some waiting times may extend past the usual 10mins waiting time. Most have only extended by 5mins. We ask you therefore to wait, if possible in your car, until your other children exit. ● As with many other services, things are taking longer to ensure procedures are followed. ● If you have children in Nursery PM and Year 1, we can look at releasing your nursery child earlier to avoid any excessive waiting. 		
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Children will have their own stationery equipment, provided by the school, that only they must use. Items should not be brought from home. Children will not share equipment. ● Only lunch bags and book bags please. ● We ask that pupils do not bring bulky back packs to school to reduce the amount of storage that needs to be used in school. ● Pupils can bring their own drinks bottle (water only). Please label to avoid confusion. 		
Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Immediately on arrival, pupils will wash their hands in either the school toilet facilities, practical area or in the outside wash basins. ● 3 outside washbasins (4 taps at each) providing hot water and soap have been installed in the junior and infant yard. ● Pupils will continue to wash their hands at regular intervals throughout the day. ● School will be cleaned each day. With high traffic areas cleaned more regularly. 		