



# Moorlands Primary School

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Moorlands Primary School Curriculum  
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Nurturing values and communication

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. I hope you all had a good summer and enjoyed the sunshine. Welcome to Reception children and parents who started with us last week and have settled in well, we look forward to working with you over the coming years.

### Queen's Funeral:

It was extremely sad to hear about the Queen's passing. In school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, we held a two minute silence followed by a round of applause. Staff gave children the opportunity to reflect on the Queen's life particularly as we had celebrated the Jubilee back in June and what changes this brings to us all / the United Kingdom and Commonwealth. Following the update from the DFE and announcement from King Charles III the school will be **closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

### Values:

Our six cores values that are taught across the year and are embedded in our curriculum are:

Peace

Co-operation

Equality

Respect

Responsibility

Perseverance – this is the value that we will be focusing on this term and will be part of our assemblies.

### OFSTED

Staff, Governors and I are pleased that we can finally share the OFSTED report with you. I would like to thank staff, Governors, pupils and parents for all their hard work and support over the last couple of years, this shows the wonderful relationship that we all have in making the school even better. The report does reflect the caring nature of our school:

'Pupils and parents value the supportive and friendly atmosphere of this school. Leaders and staff want pupils to thrive. Their ambition is reflected in the school motto of 'Anything is possible''

### School opening times:

From September there will be no staggered arrival and leaving times. **All classes will start at 8.45 am and finish at 3.10 pm.** The school gate will open at 8.40 am and will close just before 9.00 am as registers close at this time. If you are late, it is important that you bring your child to the school office rather than leaving them at the gate, to ensure their safety.

### Parental expectations:

So many parents work with us positively to ensure that there is a good partnership between staff and parents. We know that this is successful in supporting the well-being and academic achievement of pupils.

However the Governing Body of Moorlands Primary School would like to remind all parents that we have zero tolerance towards aggressive, violent and abusive behaviour towards staff in our school and other parents.

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### School uniform

Please ensure that children are in school uniform as this promotes attitudes to learning, inclusion and equality for all. The uniform is white shirt/polo shirt, blue/grey trousers/shorts, grey skirt and a red jumper/cardigan; red and white chequered items can be chosen during warmer weather. Please ensure suitable black shoes are worn. Please label school uniform as this helps with any lost uniform.

### P.E days for the Autumn Term:

#### Earrings will need to be removed for P.E. and hair tied back.

Reception – Forest school, children can come into school wearing their forest school clothing. Children will need to bring a change of clothing just in case they are needed. A text will be sent to inform you of the start date and time.

Year 1 and 2– Thursday, gymnastics.

Year 3 and 4– Monday, games, Albion Foundation. (Trainers and jumper can be brought).

Year 5 – Tuesday, games. (Trainers and jumper can be brought).

Year 6 – Tuesday, swimming.

### Music:

Years 3 and 4 will have whole class instrument lessons; this service is provided by the Sandwell Music SIPS services and will be on a Monday afternoon.

### Roles updates

Mrs Wells has started her **ELSA, Emotional Literacy Support Assistant** role. Mrs Wells' role is to support pupils and families with any concerns that you may have with your child regarding anxiety, anger, their social developments etc.

The school also has an **Attendance Officer** who will complete home visits and support families to ensure that their children are in school and are punctual. The **new attendance expectations** based on the new guidelines from the DFE started September 2022, a copy can be found on our website or a paper copy can be provided. If your child/ren are absence please contact the school office on 0121 556 0352 by 9.30 am on the day, with the reason for their absence. It is your responsibility to inform the school office regarding the absence, if we have not had contact with parents then the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

### Harvest Assemblies

Harvest assemblies will be held in the school hall for:

30<sup>th</sup> September 2.40 pm Years 5 and 6

5<sup>th</sup> October 2.40 pm Years 3 and 4

7<sup>th</sup> October 2.40 pm Years 1 and 2

19<sup>th</sup> October 1.30 pm Reception Welcome and Autumn activities afternoon

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available daily from 7.45-8.45 am; this is run by Mrs Smith and Mrs Lunn. The children are provided with cereal, toast and a drink followed by activities. **This costs £3.00 per day which is payable on the day and there is no need to book.**

### Parking

Can we please be mindful of where we park at the start and end of the school day. Residents have complained about their drives being blocked at these times and have contacted the police in regards to parking.

### Safeguarding helplines and advice

Black Country's Women Aid 9-5pm Monday to Friday 0121 553 0090, 24-hour helpline 0121 552 6448  
Childline 0800 1111

Support concerning food 0121 569 2266. Website: [www.sandwell.gov.uk/ifo/200354/coronavirus](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/ifo/200354/coronavirus)

Confidential advice around benefits or budgeting 0121 569 3158. Website:

[welfarerights\\_team@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:welfarerights_team@sandwell.gov.uk)

More well-being advice is available on our website: [www.moorlandsprimarysch.co.uk](http://www.moorlandsprimarysch.co.uk)

**Safeguarding officers in school:**

**Mrs K.Roberts - DSL**

**Miss Smith, Mrs Williams, Mrs Wells, Mrs Cramp – Deputy DSL**



**Website**

Take a look at our school website for information about classes, subjects and photos. Class and curriculum pages give you an insight into what the pupils are learning.

**Free School Meals**

If you are unsure as to whether you are entitled to free school meals—this includes children who are entitled to universal free school meals in Reception, Years 1 and 2 so that when they move in to Key Stage 2 you will not need to pay for their meals, then please contact [http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200151/education\\_benefits](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200151/education_benefits)

**Dates for the diary:**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** - school closed for the Queen's funeral

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022**- Training Day, school closed

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022**- Training Day, school closed

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents Evening 3.30-6.00 pm (appointments will be booked electronically)

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents Evening 3.30-5.00 pm (appointments will be booked electronically)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – School closes for half term at 3.10 pm

**Half term Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October –Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

**Month of May – Year 2 will complete their SATs assessment during this month**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May**                      **SATS week for Year 6**

**Training Days 2022-2023**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

1 more training day to be confirmed.

Mrs K.Roberts    Head Teacher

