



Thursday 23rd July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Having received detailed guidance from the government, we want to keep you informed and updated regarding our plans to further open school in September 2020. All plans formulate part of our Risk Assessment in accordance with this advice. What we do and how we do it will be reviewed after 4 weeks, and then again at half term.

Start Date

Please be advised that September 1st is an INSET day and the school will not be open to our children. Year 1 and 2 children's first day will be Wednesday 2nd September. Reception and Nursery have "Stay and Play" sessions.

System Controls

These are defined by the government guidance as actions that schools **must** take:

System of controls – schools MUST take

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention 1. Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell 2. Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual 3. Ensure good respiratory hygiene 4. Intro enhanced cleaning 5. Minimise contact between individuals (to suit circumstances) 6. Where necessary wear PPE(in specific circumstances) 1-4 must be in place all the time. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to any infection 1. Engage with track and trace 2. Managed confirmed case amongst the school community 3. Contain any outbreak |
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These will be central to the organisation of the school from September.

Classroom "bubbles"

Each class will remain in their own bubble and there will be some Teaching Assistant (TA) support allocated for each. Our TAs will support across one year group. There will be a Mid-day Assistant per class, who will support the children at lunchtime. In all the key stage 1 classes the desks will be facing forward towards the teacher at

the front and each child will be provided with their own pencils and the tools they will need for learning. The classrooms will remain warm, welcoming and age appropriate so please don't worry about these changes. The only items that need to be brought into school are your child's book bag, PE bag, coat and their water bottle. It is particularly important that these are all clearly named.

In Reception we are creating learning areas where the colour groups will remain all the time. The children will not move around the unit from one area to the next as they have previously done. They will remain with one key worker.

Nursery will continue as usual with appropriate measure in place.

Below is a picture of a key stage 1 classroom.



Staggered/phased start and finish times

The Government guidance asks schools to consider staggered start and finish times to avoid large groups of children and adults congregating in and around school.

Entrances

To support this further, we have put into place a one way system to enter and exit the school grounds and we would ask that only one parent/carer drops off and collects your child. Please remember to maintain social distancing and ensure that you leave the school grounds quickly to avoid congestion.

We recognise the first few days will be a time of transition and possible anxiety for our families.

In key stage 1 our teachers will be at the door to collect and greet the children in an orderly fashion by asking their class to line up and come in. In reception the staff will open the back door at 9 o'clock. Please use the marks on the playground when lining up to drop children off. Please do not crowd near to the back door.

Drop off and Collection EYFS

<u>Class/Group</u>	<u>Entrance to school</u>	<u>Time of drop off</u>	<u>Time of collection</u>
Nursery M,T and W am	Westwood Road – Nursery gate	9.00 Mon, Tues 8.30 Wed	3.00 M, T 11.30 W
Nursery W pm, Th, F	Westwood Road – Nursery gate	12.30 W 9.00 Th, F	3.30 W 9.00 Th, F
Red	Southwood Road – main gate	9.00	3.25 through the back door near the reception garden
Blue	Southwood Road – main gate	9.00	3.25 through main door at front
Yellow	Southwood Road – main gate	9.00	3.25 via reception garden
Green	Southwood Road – main gate	9.00	3.25 via reception garden

Drop off and Collection Key Stage 1 – times and places

<u>Class/Group</u>	<u>Entrance to school</u>	<u>Time of drop off</u>	<u>Time of collection</u>
Class 1 Year 2	Southwood Road – main gate	8.40	3.05
Class 2 Year 2 MOBILE	Southwood Road – main gate	8.40 through classroom fire exit – near benches	3.05
Class 3 Year 2 MOBILE	Southwood Road – main gate	8.40 through classroom fire exit – near benches	3.05
Class 4 Year 1	Southwood Road – main gate	8.50	3.15
Class 5 Year 1	Southwood Road – main gate	8.50	3.15
Class 6 Year 1	Southwood Road – main gate	8.50	3.15

Important – please note changes to the start and finish times of school day

Thank you for your patience regarding our amendments to the timings. Please be assured that no learning time will be lost for the children.

Lunch

Reception will have their lunch in the dining hall. Initially “grab bags” will be made available for all children. For the children in Year 1 and 2 lunch will be delivered to their classrooms and they will eat there. The choices will be mainly sandwich based, but our supplier is looking into the provision of pasta pots, pizza and fish and chips. Water or juice will be provided as a drink.

Please email school at admin@greatmoor-inf.stockport.sch.uk with any changes to dietary needs, detailing your child’s name and class with the specific details regarding allergies. A member of the office team will contact you to discuss this further.

Playtime

All the children will have a morning and afternoon playtime as well a playtime at lunchtime. These will be phased over 2 hours in order that the children can play out a year group at a time. This will dramatically reduce the number of children utilising the playground area at any one time. Each class will be provided with a box/crate of play equipment. This will be shared across the class and will be cleaned on a daily basis.

Water Bottles

The water fountains in school will be closed. It is essential that you send your child with a named water bottle each day, cleaned and replenished each evening.

National Fruit Scheme

The Fruit scheme will begin in late September. Your child will be offered a piece of fruit or vegetable each morning. Please send a healthy snack of fruit or vegetable in a marked, clear bag until we notify you that the scheme has restarted.

Hand washing and use of sanitiser

The children will be washing their hands more frequently in school. We will also use hand sanitisers during the day to avoid congestion in the toilet blocks. We will of course supervise access and use. Our school rules have been amended to reflect the need to ensure that hands are kept clean.

If your child has skin allergies and should not use any sanitiser products, please inform us via e-mail, admin@greatmoor-inf.stockport.sch.uk

Parental access to school

In order to minimise the chance of cross contamination and infection, all requests to come into the school must be by appointment. This can be done by telephoning or e-mailing admin@greatmoor-inf.stockport.sch.uk

Google classrooms

We will not meet as a school for assemblies. The children will still hear whole school messages regarding revised rules, our shared values, looking after the children's well-being, music and celebrating personal goals. The assemblies will be delivered via Google classrooms. We will continue to use this facility during term time as and when needed. It will be vital if we are placed in any partial or full lockdown.

Enhanced cleaning duties

Part of the System of controls – prevention, is to introduce enhanced cleaning provision in school. The toilets blocks will have an additional mid-day clean and at the end of the school day, surfaces, equipment and toys will be cleaned. This will be completed in addition to the already enhanced cleaning activity in school since the outbreak of Coronavirus.

Wearing of visors for intervention groups

Some of our staff will be involved in providing children with interventions for Speech and Language and Motor skills. They will be working with different groups of

children across school. When working closely with children, staff may choose to wear a transparent light weight visor.

Streaming groups of children for teaching and learning

The Reception and Year 1 children would normally be streamed (ability matched) for their learning in phonics. This will not happen initially and will be reviewed at 4 weeks and half term.

PE Kits

Please bring in your child's winter PE kit, named, and in a draw string bag. The school will have a deep clean each Friday evening. The PE kits will be sent home each Friday, to ensure the corridors are clear for cleaning.

Attendance is mandatory from September 2020

The Government guidance states, *"it is vital for all children to return to school to minimise as far as possible the long term impact of the pandemic on children's education, well-being and wider development."* We appreciate that some of our families have vulnerable members and that there may be anxiety about returning to school after all this time. However, may we reassure you that we have followed all of the Government advice and that the school is operating within the system of controls guidance.

Please e-mail admin@greatmoor-inf.stockport.sch.uk if you want to discuss your specific circumstances if you feel that your child's attendance may be an issue for your family.

From September 2020

- Any person in the household with Coronavirus symptoms, must stay away from school, self-isolate and engage with track and trace.
- Please advise us immediately.
- Any child with colds, sore throats , diarrhoea, sickness – call us on the first morning of absence and stay off from school for 48 hours after the last bout.
- If your child does not attend school on any day, the school office team will contact you.
- Cumulative absenteeism will attract the support of the Education Welfare Officer.

Children learning with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND)

If your child is learning with SEND you will already have been contacted by Miss May, our SENDco. Your child's needs have been planned for ready for September 2020.

Information regarding the management a confirmed case of COVID19

Should we be made aware that a child, staff member or someone who has recently visited GMCIS has tested positive for coronavirus we will contact the local health protection team. They will support us with the management of the situation. This

team will also contact schools directly if they become aware that someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) attended the school – as identified by NHS Test and Trace.

The health protection team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate.

The health protection team will work with us in this situation to guide us through the actions we need to take. Based on the advice from the health protection team, we must send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious.

The health protection team will provide definitive advice on who must be sent home.

To reiterate, all the changes that we have made around school are in line with the Systems of Control as outlined in the government guidance and will be reviewed regularly. Your input is crucial. Please email or call us at school with any thoughts you may have or issues that occur in September. We aim to ensure that our children, staff and wider school community are all safe. The Risk Assessment that we have undertaken will be available on our website from the beginning of September.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Kindest regards,

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