

Mauldeth Rd Primary School Sept 20 Newsletter

Welcome Back

It's great to see everyone back in school for the start of this school year. Although many things in school feel very different, with changes to our session times, procedures and classrooms, we are so pleased to see the children back in school, where they belong, learning and enjoying time with their friends.

Thanks to all of you for your co-operation and goodwill. Your patience with the changes has been a huge help to us. The children have been tremendous and have rapidly adapted to our new procedures.

Thanks to Those Who Helped us Re-open

We had a difficult summer behind the scenes, when the contractors rewiring the school went into administration. The Council did a great job in trying to get the work back on track and the staff here worked really hard to get classrooms ready, despite having all classroom furniture and resources in storage almost up to the last minute before re-opening. **I must thank everyone for a massive team effort under real pressure at the end of the holidays!**

Partial Lockdowns and Home Learning

We have been very lucky to avoid COVID cases so far. However, we are planning home learning in the event that we need to send any children home. We intend to make extensive use of Class Dojo as part of this and we will be surveying parents to find out what works best. **Look out on Class Dojo for this survey later this week. If you haven't joined yet, please do so and if you are unable to, we will send out a paper copy of the survey.** It is really important that everyone responds so that we are sure that our home learning can reach every child.

Travel to School

I am very worried about the dangers of heavy traffic and parking around school.

- Please do not drive onto Aubrey Road,
- Please do not park near the crossing patrols
- There are spaces by Mauldeth Road Station.

I am grateful to those of you who are parking safely to protect our children!

We are required to ask you to fill it out this short survey. You can do so using this link: <https://forms.gle/JfKdn1Y3oUcbiYCu5> or from the school website.

Parents Evening

We usually have a parents evening in the first term back. Please note that we will try and make COVID safe arrangements to discuss your child's progress with you **after** half-term. We will send details out later.

Asthma

We are currently updating our asthma register and individual pupil action plans. If your child has a new diagnosis of asthma since lockdown, please inform us!

School Meals

Please avoid changing your child's meal arrangements without informing the office. When we over-order, school has to pay for the meals not taken. Please let us know on t.large@mauldethroad.manchester.sch.uk

Lunch boxes and PE Kits

We have found ways to work around some of the original restrictions we put in place to be COVID safe. **We are now happy for children to bring in their water bottles and lunch boxes as normal** – we no longer require disposable bags.

We have relaxed our guidelines on PE procedures. Children can come in their kits. They can wear jogging pants instead of shorts, they can wear trainers instead of pumps or school shoes and they can wear their school jumpers outside. **Please do not go out and buy any special equipment; we are trying to make things easier for parents.**

Drop-off and Collection

We were inspected on our COVID safety measures on Friday and were complimented on how orderly the site arrangements are. Thank you for helping us achieve this. We keep making minor adjustments to our arrangements to try and reduce your waiting time. Please continue to help us by coming to collect

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at the correct time (not too early or late) and by continuing to observe social distancing when in school.