

Mowbray Primary School
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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back! I hope everyone managed to enjoy the summer. It has been lovely to see everyone back today and school has a fantastic feel about it. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new families starting their Mowbray journey with us.

As you are aware, many restrictions for Covid-19 have been relaxed in schools as they have across the wider community. However, please note the following still applies in the National Guidance.

Your child must not attend school if they are displaying symptoms of Covid-19 or if they have had a positive test result. Instead they must follow public health advice and self-isolate. However, other household members or close contacts do not need to self-isolate if:

- they are double vaccinated or
- are under 18 years and 6 months old

And they are not displaying symptoms.

Anyone displaying symptoms must arrange a full PCR test.

If anyone develops symptoms at school, they will still be sent home in order to isolate and have a PCR test.

Staffing Updates

As you will be aware, Mr Todd our caretaker retired in July. There has been a delay in his replacement, Mr King, starting with us. As a result Mr Todd will be 'filling in' part time until Mr King can start his post.

There is also a small change to the School Senior Leadership. To support Mr Davison's continuing recovery from treatment for a brain tumour, he is temporarily stepping back from his role as Assistant Headteacher until half term but will continue as a class teacher. In the interim, Mrs Dodds will be Acting Assistant Headteacher.

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Cycling and Scooting to School

A reminder that any bikes or scooters brought to school are done so at your own risk. They should not be ridden on the yards but should be pushed in the marked zones. Both cycle and scooter storage is back in use – please now leave bikes and scooters in the storage areas rather than against the fence.

Warm Weather

With some hot and sunny weather forecast over the next week or so, please ensure;

- children bring a sunhat or cap to school
- children should be provided with UV protection sunglasses
- suncream (at least SPF15 with UVA and UVB protection) is applied before children come to school

Children, particularly on Forest School or Outdoor PE days, should bring a named bottle of sun cream into school for re-application. Children should be able to apply this themselves.

We also have cool water drinking fountains throughout school. Your child will need to bring a named re-sealable bottle into school to access these.

On very sunny or high UV days, we may limit the amount of time that children spend exposed to the sun.

Yours sincerely

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Mr A Miller Headteacher