



Tameside Metropolitan Borough

## Mottram C.E. (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The purpose of this letter is to try and explain how Mottram will look in September. It is based on DfE and Local Authority guidance.

Due to the size and the space of our school, we will be placing our children into two bubbles. Bubble 1 will be Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3. Bubble 2 will be Years 4, 5 and 6. This has been ratified by Public Health England and Health and Safety at Tameside.

The Risk Assessment for full opening in September will be available on the website under the new Covid section, when it has been ratified by the Full Governing Body, on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July. It has already been to Health and Safety Tameside. You will find this information on Monday, and further resources relating to Covid, by clicking on the link below.

<https://mottram.tameside.sch.uk/information/covid/>

To be Covid secure, we are following Essential Control Measures

- A requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements
- Active engagement with NHS Test and Trace

Please follow these Government guidelines to keep staff and children safe.

We have been advised by Public Health England and Health and Safety Tameside about what to do in the event of a confirmed case. If this were to happen, we would contact them immediately and take their advice on the next steps. It would not automatically mean that the school would close. It does mean however, that it is really important that you engage with the above essential control measures.

Following on from the Government's guidance, we are requesting that children do not bring face coverings into school and that they are removed by parents/carers and taken home, so staff and other children are not coming into contact with them.

Attendance will be compulsory unless you are shielding. You must let us know immediately if you need to isolate or have to shield as it is an expectation that your



child has access to home learning. Your child must then undertake this work at home.

We are expecting all children to return to us in September wearing full school uniform, however, if this is posing a financial problem, please contact [admin@mottram.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@mottram.tameside.sch.uk) and we will endeavour to help. You can now order school uniform online via [www.kids-stop.co.uk](http://www.kids-stop.co.uk).

Breakfast club and extra-curricular activities will resume from September. If you need to book a place for Breakfast club, please do so via ParentPay. The session will run from 8am and the cost is £4.

You can order your meals via Live Kitchen <https://mottram.tameside.sch.uk/parents/school-menu/> and if you need to order milk, this is via Cool Milk, which is on the same page of the website.

Children should bring the following to school: book bag, water bottle (clearly labelled), coat, home school diary, reading book and packed lunch if required. Children's PE kits, wellies or outdoor shoes will remain in school for the foreseeable future. PE kits will be sent home when they need to be washed.

Parents/Carers of children in Year 1 who did not take the phonics check. I need to make you aware that your child will be taking the phonics check in in the Autumn Term.

Parents/Carers of children in Year 4 children, who did not take the multiplication test, they may be required to do this in Year 5. As soon as I have any further information, I will of course inform you.

Moving onto specifics for the first week back. We have decided that when your child returns in September for the first week, they will return into their old classroom for 3 days. We want to allay any fears, anxiety, or uncertainty that they may be feeling about returning to school and immediately walking into a new class, with new adults and a new set of friends. We want to reconnect the relationships that the children had before lockdown. This will give closure to the previous year and allow us to do a little transition work, this will run from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. We will be asking the new Reception class to start on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September to allow us time for this very important phase of returning to school.

The following week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, this will be a time of settling into new routines with new teachers, friendship groups etc. We are very aware that the experiences of our children will be very different so we will not be launching into a full-on curriculum. This week will be about engaging our pupils in activities to focus them, to build up concentration and engagement.

We will be keeping the class emails open for the foreseeable future as we are not allowed any visitors in school. If you need to contact school, this can be done via email. For general enquiries please use [admin@mottram.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@mottram.tameside.sch.uk) or telephone 01457 763 368. If the enquiry is for the teacher, please use the class



email, depending on which class your child will be in. A reminder of the class emails are as follows:

[red@mottram.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:red@mottram.tameside.sch.uk)

[purple@mottram.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:purple@mottram.tameside.sch.uk)

[yellow@mottram.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:yellow@mottram.tameside.sch.uk)

[blue@mottram.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:blue@mottram.tameside.sch.uk)

[green@mottram.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:green@mottram.tameside.sch.uk)

The coronavirus pandemic is unprecedented; none of us have experienced this before, so we do not know what the exact impact will be. Moreover, every child and family will react differently. It is important to remember that for most pupils, lockdown will have also brought experiences, which may have had a positive impact upon their mental well-being. However, the pandemic will have affected mental well-being in other ways. With this in mind, please do contact us via the class emails to let us know if you think that your child has suffered due to the ongoing pandemic. The more we know, the more we can help. Likewise, this may be tough on you as you will have had your children with you for 6 months and this may be making you feel anxious. If you need anything, please email, or call us.

As mentioned, we will be in 2 bubbles. Therefore, we have been advised to have strict separate drop off and pick up times to alleviate gatherings.

Bubble 1 Reception to Year 3 please drop off at 8:50am.

Bubble 2 Year 4-6 please drop off at 9:00am.

If you have children in both bubbles, you just need to come at 8:50 and all the children will be able to enter the building in a logical order as you move around the one-way system. Staff will be on the doors as usual but please do not try to chat to them or pass on messages. Please use the home school diaries and the class emails as your first point of contact to the teachers. This is the advice from the Local Authority to keep yourselves and staff safe.

Pick up will be:

Bubble 1 Reception to Year 3 pickup time is 3:05 prompt

Bubble 2 Year 4-6 pickup time is 3:15 prompt

Once again, if you have children in both bubbles, please only collect at 3:15. It is really important that you adhere to these times and leave the school premises as soon as you have dropped of your child/children. You must enter the school playground down the side of the school via the ramp (through the car park) and exit the playground via the big playground following the one-way system we have in place.



Please do be patient with us whilst we get used to the new way of working, it is not ideal, and we will not get everything right to begin with. If you have any problems, could I request that you chat to the school in the first instance and we will do our best to come up with a solution.

Please may I take this opportunity to thank all the staff during the last few months, they have gone above and beyond for Mottram and the children.

We look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Stay safe and have a lovely Summer.

Mrs Scattergood and the Mottram Team, Kate Sanderson, and the Governing Body.

