

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Welcome to the 2026–2027 Academic Year!

A huge, warm welcome back to all our returning children and families, with a very special welcome to those joining New Moston for the first time!

Following the start of the new academic year, I wanted to share some important information and reminders with you.

A Fantastic Start

The children returned brilliantly yesterday. Across the school, we have already noticed a significant improvement in their behaviour, focus and attitude. Our new Early Years children have also settled extremely well.

We understand that leaving your child at school can feel like a big step and that some children may find coming into school difficult. Please be reassured that the vast majority of children settle very quickly once they are inside. If your child is upset, it is usually best to leave them promptly with a familiar member of staff, as a prolonged goodbye can sometimes make the separation more difficult.

If you have any concerns, you are very welcome to telephone the school later in the morning to check how your child has settled.

Parking

Please ensure that you park safely, legally and considerately outside the school. This includes not parking on double yellow lines, zigzag markings or within the School Keep Clear area. Parking restrictions outside schools are in place to protect children and families during the busiest times of the day. Traffic enforcement officers and our neighbourhood policing team may be present around the school site. I cannot stress enough the importance of safe and considerate parking. No appointment or journey is more important than the safety of our children.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child follows the school's uniform policy, including the correct PE kit.

Our uniform gives children a shared identity and reflects our school value of **Pride**. Parents and carers will be contacted if their child is not wearing the correct school uniform. Please ensure that all items of clothing and footwear are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Building Developments

You may have seen through our social media channels that we worked incredibly hard throughout the holidays to continue improving our school environment.

We are currently progressing a number of exciting projects, including:

- A new Computing Suite
- A dedicated Music Classroom
- A new Reading Hub
- A Therapeutic Classroom
- A new Reception outdoor learning area

These developments reflect our ambition for New Moston and our determination to provide the very best opportunities for our children. I am incredibly excited to see the difference these new facilities will make, and we will continue to share updates through our social media channels.

Changes to Personal Details

It is vital that the school holds accurate and up-to-date information for every child. This includes home addresses, telephone numbers, emergency contacts and relevant medical information. Please inform the school office immediately if any of these details change. All personal information is stored securely and handled in accordance with data protection legislation.

Healthcare and Allergy Plans

This year, we will be reviewing and updating healthcare plans and allergy documentation for children.

If your child has an allergy, medical condition or requires a healthcare plan, please inform the school office by emailing admin@newmoston.manchester.sch.uk. Parents and carers of children with existing plans will be invited into school during the coming weeks to review and update their child's paperwork.

Packed Lunches and Nuts

Please ensure that packed lunches follow our school's packed-lunch policy. A separate letter containing further guidance will be sent to parents and carers. Loose nuts and products that clearly contain nuts are strictly prohibited in school. Any such items will be removed from children's packed lunches to help protect pupils with serious nut allergies. Please be aware that the school cannot monitor or exclude every product that carries a precautionary label stating that it "may contain traces of nuts". We therefore ask families to check food labels carefully and support us in reducing the risks wherever reasonably possible.

Newsletters

This academic year, we will be introducing two regular newsletters. Our general school newsletter will be shared electronically and published on the school website each month. It will include important notices, updates and information for families. In addition, we will publish a **SEND and Pastoral Newsletter** once every half term. This will include information about SEND, attendance and pastoral support, alongside details of relevant services and opportunities available across Manchester.

Single Point of Concern

I am delighted to announce the launch of our new **Single Point of Concern (SPOC)** system.

This is a centralised online referral system through which parents and carers can share concerns about a child, including concerns relating to SEND, family circumstances, social needs or emotional wellbeing. The referral form can be found on our school website under the **Communication Hub**. All referrals will be reviewed and discussed by the appropriate school staff each week. Although we cannot guarantee an individual response to every submission, every concern will be carefully triaged, managed and actioned appropriately by the team.

Raising Concerns

Please ensure that general questions or concerns are raised through the appropriate channels. In most cases, your child's class teacher should be your first point of contact. The school office can also support with general enquiries and direct you to the appropriate member of staff. The school's social media accounts are not an appropriate channel for individual questions or concerns. Messages sent through these accounts are not routinely monitored and may not receive a response.

Respectful Communication

All staff at New Moston are committed to supporting our children and providing them with the best possible education and care. Positive partnerships between school and families help us to achieve the best outcomes for every child. Thank you to the many parents and carers who communicate positively and respectfully with our staff. We ask that all communication with members of the school community remains courteous and respectful. Aggressive, abusive or threatening behaviour towards any member of staff will not be tolerated. Such behaviour may result in restrictions being placed on an individual's access to the school site.

Finally, a huge thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us to make your child's primary education the best it can be. Last year, New Moston continued to develop and go from strength to strength. We remain determined to improve our school and make it the very best it can be. I am genuinely excited about the year ahead. Our staff team are incredibly committed and passionate about New Moston. On behalf of everyone at the school, thank you for trusting us with your children throughout these precious and important years of their lives.

If you have any questions, concerns or queries, please speak to your child's class teacher or email the school office at admin@newmoston.manchester.sch.uk.

Kind regards,



Mr P Stewart
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