

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had enjoyed a much needed break during the summer holiday period, and that you and your children are looking forward to the Big Return to school on Thursday 3rd September. Over the holidays we have worked hard to make sure that the staff and school building are ready for a new academic year, taking into account the many challenges we are facing.

We will continue to keep you updated on any further developments to the day-to-day logistics of running school, via Parentmail, and will also be uploading these same communications on our COVID-19/Keeping in touch page on the website when it has been created.

In the meantime, please could we remind you of the following ahead of the start of the school year on Thursday 3rd September (gates open from 8.15am!):

- **Summer Travel**
 - If you have travelled to or through a country not in the travel corridor exemption list, please be aware you will need to self-isolate for 14 days and your children will therefore not be able to return to school until the end of this period. Please email office.administrator@morashajps.org.uk before Wednesday 2nd September so we can make the necessary arrangements for home-school learning for your children.
- **COVID-19 symptoms**
 - If, at any point, you or your child are displaying any COVID-19 symptoms then please do NOT send your child to school. It is all our responsibility to make sure school is a safe place for our pupils and staff, and we need to work together as a school community to ensure we can operate 'business as usual' whilst the COVID-19 virus remains present.
 - We appreciate this is a stressful time and you may have many questions. Please see the attached PDF ('Return to School Posters') that gives clear guidance of all our new routines running at school, as well as instructions on what to do if your child, or another member of your family, displays symptoms of COVID-19. We will endeavour to keep sending updates of these posters as/when the government releases new information, so please keep an eye on the version number and date!
- **Home-School Agreement**
 - Please read and sign this crucial document, which was sent to you via Parentmail on 22nd July and has been attached again to this email. This is important as it explains everyone's responsibilities especially, although not exclusively, in relation to COVID-19.
 - All pupils must bring this signed document into school on Thursday 3rd September. We will be asking parents to drop off the form to school on the first day of school, if your child does not bring it in, so please don't forget.
- **Equipment**
 - Unfortunately, as per COVID guidance, we are not allowed to share resources in class. Please take responsibility to ensure your child has the following equipment **every day** as we are not able to provide any of this (there will be

no sharing of equipment). This equipment will remain in school at all times, and therefore you will need separate equipment for home. **NB – children in Reception do not need to bring this in, the list applies to children in Years 1-6:**

- Pencil case (the children find it easier to have more than one so that they fit more easily into their tray or cubbyhole)
 - Purple Biro
 - Writing pencils (all)/pens (in KS2)
 - Metal sharpener
 - 30cm ruler
 - Colouring Equipment - pencils and/or pens
 - Scissors
 - Water bottle (more than one in hot weather)
 - 5 Pritt Stick glue sticks
 - Reading book
 - 1 small, named box of tissues to remain on their desk.
- **Lunch**
 - If you have a child in Reception – Year 2 you have been asked if you would like to have a lunch under the Infant Free School Lunch Scheme. If you have change your mind, please email office.administrator@morashajps.org.uk before your child is due to start school.
 - Years 3-6 must bring in a packed lunch daily. Lunches must be meaty or pareve.
 - A further communication about school lunches will be sent at the start of term.
 - **Curriculum Evening**
 - This will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 16th September, so please put this date in your diary. At the start of each session there will be a presentation from Mrs Gross on how we are returning to school, followed by a general discussion in the Key Stages as to how the classes are going to operate. More details, including the Zoom links, to follow.
 - 7.30-8.15pm – Rec-Y2 Parents
 - 8.15-8.45pm – Y3-Y4 Parents
 - 8.45-9.30pm – Y5-Y6 Parents (to include a short presentation and discussion of SMART Tech and Secondary Transfer, from Mr Kett and Mrs Gross, as part of the talk).
 - **Uniform**
 - From September, children are expected to wear full school uniform each day. Please use the summer to ensure your child has a sufficient amount of clothing to ensure they can wear a complete, freshly laundered uniform each day, as we all know that the virus can survive on clothing.
 - One new change to the uniform guidelines, from September, is for boys in Years 5 and 6 who may now wear a kippah of their own choice to school, as opposed to the school uniform kippah, to make this more special for them.
 - All boys in the school need to remember to have a spare kippah in school every day, as well as plenty of clips.
 - Please also take care to ensure your child has their jumper or cardigan with them on a daily basis, as well as a coat whenever required.

We will be writing to you again next Wednesday with a reminder, including instructional video (!), of how drop-off and collection will operate from the start of the year. Until then, we wish you all the very best for the remainder of the summer break. We very much look forward to seeing you all next week!

Kind regards,

Mrs Gross

Mr Kett

Mrs Shmuel