

Dear Parents,

It's been another extraordinary year! We are all exceptionally proud of the way that pupils, parents and staff have worked together to keep Sacks Morasha a happy, positive and welcoming school which has, we believe, functioned well despite all the challenges that Covid has brought us.

We have worked extremely hard to provide academic consistency and stability to our pupils, whilst also concentrating heavily on our already supportive pastoral side of the school. This has ensured that children thrive, not just academically but in terms of their mental health and wellbeing as well. It is not a job we can do on our own and next year we will be putting even more effort into ensuring our parents join us on our journey to stabilising the children's mental health and general wellbeing. We aim to keep our parents aware of the assemblies we are running and the messages taught in our PSHE lessons via our YouTube Channel and website, alongside our existing publicity on our Facebook page as well.

We will also continue with our messaging around e-safety, including warning our parents and pupils to be sensible in what technology and social media sites they are exposed to. We will continue to educate all pupils as to the importance of being aware of the difficulties they can encounter through inappropriate use of technology, and the need for openness and honesty in disclosing to their trusted adults.

We hope parents will also join us in our journey to be aware of any racism our community, and we are working on our school being more culturally, diversity aware and an even more inclusive school via our policies, our curriculum and all the messages we expound to our pupils. For further information on some of the added motivation behind this please refer to the recent [Board of Deputies Racial Inclusivity report](#) (which can also be found on the [Ethos](#) page of our website). All of this will only work if parents and stakeholders of the school come together and work to provide a better future for our children.

We also want to work together as a community to be as supportive as we can. We are all here to do the best for your children. We understand that we may make decisions that you disagree with, and we strive to do our best at all times, but we realise that things may sometimes not go as planned or as intended. In these cases, we must all remember to be as polite and courteous to each other. Some of our parents have unfortunately developed a culture of being 'keyboard warriors' whereby emails are sent that can be incredibly hurtful and cause a great deal of upset. Let's find a better way to address issues without resorting to damaging emails and hurtful messages on WhatsApp groups that make parents and staff uncomfortable.

Ahead of September, we want to give you as much information and forewarning as we can, regarding how school will operate once we are back in September, and what you need to use the summer to prepare for, potentially. We may send further information before school starts on Wednesday 1st September 2021, but for now please read and act upon, where relevant, the following points.

- **Uniform** – we will be reverting back to a stricter enforcement of our uniform code. Please make sure that your child has school uniform that fits, appropriate footwear (not trainers), coats and bags, as well as kippot/spare kippot, as required.
- **PE kit** – we will revert to our previous arrangements for PE kit.
 - If your child’s lesson is before break, then they should come to school in their PE kit and they will change after/at break.
 - If your child’s lesson is between break and lunch then they should come to school in their uniform, then they will change into their PE kit in time for their lesson.
 - If your child’s lesson is in the afternoon then they should come to school in their uniform, then they will change into their PE kit during the day and return home in their PE kit.
- **Hair** – any long hair, whether on boys or girls, should be tied back throughout the day. Please provide additional hair accessories in case of breakages during the day. Hairbands and any accessories must be blue or black only, except for Years 5 and 6 where they may wear their own kippot and hair accessories.
- **Adult dress code** – The expectation for adults at pickup is that you will be dressed in an appropriate way befitting the ethos of the school please, so as to ensure that everyone, including staff, feels comfortable when you are on the premises, collecting your children.
- **New lunches** – we are delighted to welcome our new catering provider, Signature Dining, to Sacks Morasha. Further details will be provided separately so please watch out for this! We expect that everyone will be excited and motivated to try the new lunches and will avail themselves of the opportunity for more direct communication should there be any issues. We hope that you’ll all give it a chance for a term at least – we would love to see a dining hall free from packed lunches!
- **Drop off and pickup routines** – due to the success of our new routines at either end of the day, we will continue with these in September.
- **Absences** – all absences should be reported to office.manager@morashajps.org.uk. All other office enquiries and communications should go to office.administrator@morashajps.org.uk please.
- **Summer Holidays** – please take careful note of all guidance relating to green/amber/red countries; the requirements for testing and tracing; and the requirements for quarantining. Please plan your summer so that there will be no barrier to your child returning on Wednesday 1st September for the first day of school. If your child has to quarantine, then this would be counted as an unauthorised absence.
- **Clubs** – these will be returning in September! Please see separate communications for further details.
- **Kodesh** – there will be a separate letter detailing special Kodesh activities and homework for the holidays. Please pay due attention to this and participate fully!
- **Pencil Cases** - We require children to have pencil cases with the following:
 - Writing Pencils – at least 5;
 - 4 purple pens;
 - Metal sharpener;
 - 30cm ruler;
 - Colouring pencils;
 - Scissors;
 - 5 Pritt Stick glues;
 - Small tissue box;

- Small hand sanitiser to keep in their desk;
- Reading Book.

Finally, I want to thank all the parents who have sent me such lovely messages wishing me well in my new school. I am here for one more term and I look forward to working with you all on our return after the summer.

Wishing you all a well-deserved and relaxing summer break,

Mrs Gross, Mr Kett and Mrs Shmuel