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Dear Morningside Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back and to meeting our new starters over the next few days.

## **Return Dates**

The children in years 1-6 return on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Children in Nursery and Reception who are not new to Morningside return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. New children in Nursery and Reception have been given start dates at their welcome meetings. Please call the main office if you need to check.

## **Drop-off and collection**

Parents and carers are being welcomed back on-site for the first time since March last year. Despite regulations changing we recommend that parents, carers and visitors maintain social distancing wherever possible and we advise you to wear a face covering when you are not able to be socially distant.

We will be operating a soft start between 8.45am and 8.55am for children in years 1-6. All children in years 1-6 should arrive between 8.45am and 8.55am and go straight to their classroom through the Year 1 and blue staircase entrances at the front of the school. Children in Reception should be brought to the front playground at 9am. Children in Nursery go to the Nursery gate at 9am. Pastoral staff and leadership will be available to take messages and speak to parents.

Reception and years 1-3 enter through the front gate

Years 4-6 enter through the back gate

Collection is at 3.30pm for all pupils from the same gate that they are dropped off at. Gates will be opened just before dismissal and parents and carers are welcome to come into the playgrounds to collect their children. Teachers and pastoral staff will be available to talk to parents at collection time. Teachers are not available at drop-off as teaching time starts at 8.55am but there will always be pastoral staff available to pas on messages and answer questions.

## **Extended Day**

Breakfast Club and Playcentre are available from Thursday  $2^{nd}$  September and MUST be booked and paid for in advance please.

After school clubs will start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September and will run until Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Booking forms will be sent out by text and email in week one (week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> September).

## **Prices for Extended Day activities**

Years 1-6	Cost
School lunches	£2
Breakfast Club (working parents)	£2
Play Centre 3.30-5pm	£5
Play Centre 3.30-6pm	£7.50
After School Clubs (working parents)	£2
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School lunches Breakfast Club (working parents)	£2 £5
School lunches Breakfast Club (working parents) Play Centre 3.30-5pm	£2 £5 £7.50

The children have all met with their new teacher, some virtually and some in person. Meet the Teacher events will be taking place during the week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Parents and carers will be invited to meet the teachers, learn about the curriculum, events that are coming up and enrichment and extended day opportunities. You will be sent an invitation next week.

If you have any questions there will be members of the leadership and pastoral teams at the gates and in the playgrounds before and after school or you can call or email the admin team.

I look forward to seeing you soon and to meeting the new families who are joining Morningside.

Janet Taylor

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Head teacher