



Moorlands Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to see everyone returning to school this week, and we hope you all enjoyed a lovely summer break. Thank you for sending the children back looking so smart in their uniforms.

As always, our dedicated staff have been extremely busy over the holidays preparing for the year ahead, and the classrooms are looking fantastic. This week, both staff and pupils have been settling into new routines as we begin the new term.

We are delighted to have welcomed several new members of staff to the Moorlands team:

- **Miss Kirkby, Miss Raja and Miss Hartley** have joined our Reception team.
- **Mrs Stocker** has joined the Year 1 team.
- **Miss Kavanagh** has joined the year 2 team.
- **Mrs Parr** has joined the Year 5 team.

A very warm welcome to our 90 new Reception children and their families. We are delighted that you have joined the Moorlands community. Please remember that we are always here to help, so do not hesitate to phone, email or pop into school if you have any questions or concerns.

A final welcome back and thank you to all our children, families and staff. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead and to working together to ensure every child thrives at Moorlands

Congratulations to Our New Behaviour Ambassadors

Just before the summer holidays, we appointed our brand-new **Behaviour Ambassadors**. The role was advertised to Year 5 pupils, (now year 6) and we were delighted by the number of enthusiastic applications we received. After much discussion, eight children were selected to take on this important responsibility.

Our Behaviour Ambassadors are:

- Zach G
- Izzy D



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- India S
- Millie S
- Ella R
- Theo T
- Henry F
- Leo K

Our Behaviour Ambassadors will:

- Be role models for excellent behaviour across the school.
- Welcome visitors and help guide them around Moorlands.
- Support positive behaviour monitoring.
- Collect certificates for our new Golden Book.

We are incredibly proud of our new ambassadors and look forward to seeing the positive contribution they make to school life throughout the year.

OPAL Play— Be Prepared for the Weather



We love getting outdoors during our OPAL playtimes and don't want a little rain to stop the fun! Please bring a pair of wellies for your child to keep in school so they can enjoy outdoor play whatever the weather. Waterproof coats are also a great idea to help children stay warm and dry.



Our Behaviour Policy

Our three school rules are ready, respectful and safe. These three rules can be applied to everything we do at Moorlands (including travelling to and from school) and, this week, the children have been reminded of this. All the information can be found on our website:

<https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/OUlsLanAF9yXo>

PTA - we'd love to hear from you!

The PTA is planning for the next academic year and would really value your feedback on our current events, including what you and the children you care for enjoy most and any ideas for making them even better. Please complete our [short questionnaire](#).

Fancy getting involved? Whether you'd like to join the PTA committee or volunteer at an event, we'd love to hear from you! Please email us at moorlands.primary.pta@outlook.com.

We'd also love to welcome new and existing parents and carers to our first PTA meeting of the academic year, taking place at The Dusty Miller, Longwood, on Monday 21 September at 7:30pm. Whether you'd like to get involved, share ideas or simply find out a little more about what we do, everyone is very welcome!

Reading Mornings Return!

We are delighted to invite parents to attend our weekly Reading Mornings, which will take place in the Library every Wednesday from **8:30am to 8:50am**, starting on **Wednesday, 9th September**. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy reading with your child before the start of the school day and help set them up for a successful day of learning.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing a love of reading together.

Before and After School Reminders

Just a few reminders about procedures for before and after school. Children are welcome to come onto the playground, as long as they are supervised by an adult, from 8.30am. The doors open from 8.45am, when the children will be welcomed in by our staff, ready to start the day. Can we remind families that the car park is for staff only and cannot be used by parents. We have 93 staff and 68 car parking spaces. To keep everyone safe we need to reduce movement in the carpark when children are on site. If you do have to drive to drop off and collect children, please park considerately, keeping driveways and other access points clear so that our neighbours can easily reach or leave their homes.

Active Travel at Moorlands

We are delighted to have achieved our ModeShift Award. This award recognises our work towards safe, sustainable, and active travel. We gained our 'Excellent' level of accreditation, and we are now working towards

We encourage families, where possible, to walk, scoot or cycle to school. This helps get the children ready for the day, improves health and the environment.

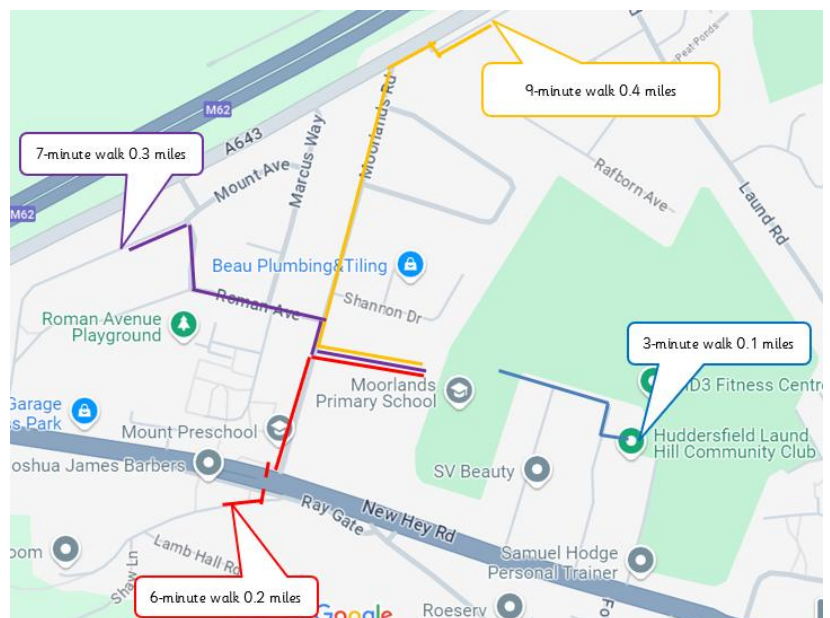
Park and Stride

Families travelling by car are encouraged to use our Park and Stride facility at the Laund Road Community Club car park, entering and leaving via the back pathway.

Support Our School Parliament's Anti-Idling Campaign

At Moorlands, our children are passionate about protecting the environment and improving their local community. As part of their work in School Parliament, they have been campaigning to raise awareness of the dangers of engine idling and have now taken their message all the way to Parliament.

The children have submitted a petition calling for stronger action on engine idling outside schools, including the introduction of both fines and educational programmes for drivers who leave their engines running



while parked. Their aim is not only to improve air quality around Moorlands but also to encourage change across the country to help protect children's health and the environment.

Our previous School Parliament members have worked incredibly hard on this campaign and would love your support. Please take a few moments to sign the petition and share it with family and friends. Every signature counts!



 **Sign the petition here:**

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/768090>

We need **100,000 signatures** for the petition to be considered for debate in Parliament, so please help us spread the word and support our children in making a positive difference.

As part of this campaign, we would also like to remind all parents and carers to **switch off their engines while waiting** at drop-off and pick-up times. When vehicles are left running unnecessarily, they create avoidable air pollution that can have a negative impact on both the environment and children's health.

This simple action can make a real difference in keeping the air around our school cleaner and healthier for everyone. By turning off your engine, you are supporting our pupils' efforts and helping to make Moorlands a greener, safer place.

Thank you for supporting our children, helping their voices to be heard, and joining them in making a positive difference.    

Walking, Scooting and Cycling

Walking, scooting and cycling are brilliant ways for children to stay healthy, arrive at school ready to learn, and help the environment. However, to keep everyone safe:

🚫 Bikes and scooters (including balance bikes and trikes) must not be ridden on the path or in the playground before and after school — please push them at all times.

📖 Children cycling or scooting must wear a helmet. Helmets are essential in reducing the risk of serious head injury and should be worn on every journey, no matter how short.

Year 6 Gym Equipment in the Bottom Playground

Please can we remind children and parents about not playing on gym equipment with young children after/before school. The equipment is designed for older children and the Year 6 children have been trained this week to use it safely.

Uniform

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart on their return to school. Please can you make sure all uniform and coats are named, as it is very difficult to return items that are not named. We already have lost property after three days. Also, please can you make sure children have a waterproof coat and a filled, named water bottle daily. PE kits need to be in school on PE days, please make sure the PE kit includes hair bobbles for long hair and tape for earrings, if needed.

Year 6 Transfer to High School – September 2027

Please note that if your child is starting secondary school in September 2027, you must apply online between

1st September and 31st October 2026. Late applications can severely reduce your chances of getting a school place at any of your preferred schools. Once you have made your application, please notify Moorlands of your first choice.

Kirklees parents/carers apply online via this link [Apply for a secondary school place | Kirklees Council](#)

Shout Outs



During the holidays, River (3G) decided he wanted to cut his hair and donate it to Little Lady Locks, a charity that makes wigs for children who have lost their hair. River donated 10 inches of hair and smashed his original fundraising goal of £200, raising just over £1100 in a week. Well done River, what

an amazing contribution to a fantastic cause.

A big well done to Anna (6S) who was awarded her Gold Amateur Lifeguard certificate over the summer holidays.



Allergies

We have children in school with severe nut allergies. Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. Please ensure you do not send any food into school with any type of nut in the ingredients. Please carefully check the content of biscuits and cereal bars.

WOW – The Walk to School Challenge is Back!

We're delighted to announce the return of *Living Streets' WOW – the walk to school challenge*. This fun, pupil-led programme encourages children to experience the benefits of walking, wheeling, cycling or scooting to school.

How it works:

- Children record how they travel to school each day.
- If they travel actively at least once a week for a month, they earn a WOW badge.

Why take part?

- Children feel healthier and happier.
- They arrive refreshed and ready to learn.
- Reduces congestion and pollution at the school gates.

Can't walk the whole way?

- *Park and Stride*: Park at Laund Road Community Club or 10 minutes away.
- *Public transport*: Hop off at least 10 minutes away and walk the rest.

Parent Helpers

Can you spare a morning or afternoon each week? Would you like to help in school?

At Moorlands, we value parent/carer help in school and recognise it has an impact on those involved. If you can offer your support in any way this year, it would be appreciated. Please complete the volunteer application form below and we will be in touch soon.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Lw8ztcts7V>

Dates for Your Diary

14 th -18 th September	Hustings in class for School Parliament class MPS
Monday 14 th September	Year 4 Cliffe House Parent meeting 4.45pm in the school hall
Monday 21 September	PTA Meeting at The Dusty Miller, Longwood - 7:30pm
Friday 25 th September	Year 6 to the Royal Armouries
Monday 28 th September	Pupils can apply to be in a Select Committee (more information given to the children soon)
Wednesday 30 th September	Our 2 nd OPAL parent event. An OPAL information assembly for parents, followed by a play session with the children- year 1- 6. More information to follow.
Friday 2 nd October	Reception- People who help us morning
Monday 5 th October	Flu immunisations
Thursday 8 th October	Active First Aid year 6
Thursday 8 th October	Year 3- Stone Age visitor
Monday 12 th October Author	Visit for year 4-6 (more information to follow)
Thursday 15 th October	PTA Disco
12 th -16 th October	Harvest Donations being collected for the Welcome Centre.
Friday 16 th October	Year 2 Harvest assembly for families 9.10am
Thursday and Friday 22/23 rd October	Teacher training day- school closed.
Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th	Half term holiday
Monday 2 nd November	School re-opens for the Autumn B half term
Wednesday 11 th and 18 th November	Parents' Evening

Keep up to date with all the latest news, events, and celebrations by following us on Instagram [@MoorlandsHudds](#) and visiting our school website: www.moorlandsprimary.org.uk.

We regularly share:

-  Important school announcements
-  Photos and highlights from school events
-  Student achievements and celebrations
-  Key dates and reminders for parents & carers.

As always, we have an **open-door policy** – if there's anything you'd like to discuss, please don't hesitate to reach out. We value our school community and are always here to support you!