

La Moye Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start the last week of the this half of term, I want to thank you on behalf of the La Moye staff team for ensuring the children have settled back smoothly and happily after the summer break. We have worked hard to develop meticulous plans in line with Government of Jersey guidelines to ensure the utmost safety of our children (and adults) in the ongoing implications of the Coronavirus pandemic. This has been a challenge for some of our newer children and parents as we have not been able to accommodate a more gradual transition with closer and frequent daily communications. We appreciate the trust you have placed in us and will continue to ensure we communicate and share information as efficiently as possible.

We are settling into the new school-to-school partnership arrangements, with Mr Baudains, our Headteacher, taking on the role of Leading Headteacher for the South West Partnership. As Mr Baudains is spending a significant time at our partner school, Bel Royal, I want to thank you for your continued support since I assumed the position of Head of School. Over the half term, those of you dropping your children in the mornings will have seen me on the playground and I have very much valued our conversations as well as welcoming the children at the start of each day. Whilst I have got to know a number of parents through being Deputy Headteacher and through my lead role in Inclusion over the last two years, these new arrangements have given me the opportunity to be available to the wider community and I welcome further developments of these relationships – as time allows!

Covid Updates

Since the situation became more acute with coronavirus since lockdown, you have been updated periodically about the guidance issued for the Department and we appreciate how you have supported the adherence of these procedures because they keep our community safe. With the recent news from two Jersey schools responding to confirmed cases, you will be aware from the local press releases of the affected year group bubbles and their families going into isolation. In preparation for any such situation potentially arising at La Moye School, we are in the process of refreshing the usage of our online learning provision, using Google classroom and Seesaw. This was already part of our plan to develop our IT curriculum which we will share in a separate newsletter. However with this recent news, should the need arise, we will be setting up an area on our website for parents with children new to the school; not only in Foundation Stage but also those newly arrived children further up the school. We will also be sending out a new survey to establish the need for loaning devices as family circumstances may have changed since the last request was made.



If you are still planning on going abroad over the half term, please be clear of the updated travel guidance and new measures for isolating when returning to the Island. If you believe your child will be missing some school, please let the office know as soon as possible, so we can record this accurately.

Parents' Evening Consultations

You will now have received an Intouch message informing you of the upcoming consultation evenings which will take place on Thursday 5th and Tuesday 10th November from 3.30pm to 6pm. These meetings will focus on how your child has settled, especially after lockdown and the summer break. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions but we will be maintaining a strict 10 minute block for each meeting that will include arrival and departure. These will be placed around the school building and planned so there is minimum contact between parents as they arrive and depart. A letter detailing all the health and safety precautions will be sent out in the first part of the week after half term.



Extra-curricular Clubs

Thank you for your patience as we plan the roll out of clubs available to the children. You will be aware we are providing a breakfast club and have also offered three outsourced clubs; Fitkids, Fun French and Spikes Football. However, the clubs we can offer from members of our staff are still being worked through as they can only be maintained as year group clubs with the teachers of those year groups. This is proving complicated as the guidance has changed considerably since the beginning of term. We are hoping to be in the position of offering clubs after half term, but there will be a reduced service and not what you have been accustomed to.



Road Crossing

We hope you agree that the new zebra crossing is a great improvement and the children are using this well. Mr Thomas will continue to patrol the area at the end of the day for the time being to ensure everyone gets used to the new layout, including drivers! Please remind your children to walk cautiously across, always waiting for cars to slow down if you are not with them.

Christmas

Finally, I do realise it may be too early to be thinking Christmas, but due to the increasing safety measures, planning for large events is still not permitted. Whilst we must adhere to the guidance laid out, we cannot pass this most important time of the year without celebrations because this is the time when our community really feels great. The wonderful PTA have been thinking hard about how to achieve yuletide joy for all our children and have come up with some thoughtful, heart-warming events that will ensure all children are able to get into the festive mood. Our staff team will of course be adding their own activities to the festivities. We will update you with more information after half term.

Business Manager

As you may recall from Mr Baudains' previous newsletter, we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Rothery at the end of this term as she would like to spend more time in the UK with her children and grandchildren. After a rigorous process of selection from a large pool of applications and then longlisting to a shortlist, we are delighted to announce the appointment of a new Business Manager who will take over from Mrs Rothery in January 2021. Mrs Boswell, whom some of you will know as she is already a parent at the school, will be joining our team as a permanent member of staff so we look forward to helping her settle into her new role. She will spend part of next half term shadowing Mrs Rothery so she becomes familiar with all the systems and processes that help schools run efficiently so we can concentrate on improving learning opportunities for your children.

Have a lovely time off with your children next week and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 2nd November 2020 when the clocks will have gone back too!

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms Rashid', written over a faint horizontal line.

Ms Rashid

Head of School