



MorgansMail



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Welcome Back



Welcome Back to Morgans! We hope you are all well and have found the return to school stress-free. It has been lovely having a school full of children and they have transitioned back into their classes really well. The new rules and procedures have not thrown the children at all and many of you have said they prefer many new aspects of the school day.

The drop-off and pick-up elements of the day have gone really well. Thank you for your support and patience. Thank you too for the feedback that some of you have given us. We will continually adapt and tweak to add in your suggestions where we can. As a reminder, the school gates are open between 8:40am and 9:00am in the mornings and 3:10pm and 3:30pm in the afternoons to enable 20 minute drop off/pick up times.

We have recently opened the running track as an alternative route for parents and children, creating more space when moving around the site during drop off/pick up. Please do not use the fields during these times, to protect the grass and prevent them from becoming muddy and unusable.

Celebrating learning at Morgans

The nursery team has been so excited to welcome the new children to the Morgan's family. The children have started their school journey with their parents by their side, reflecting on the importance of the home-school relationship.

When the children had to say goodbye to their parents at the garden gate, we were all so proud of how brave they were. They spent the morning exploring the garden, already building relationships and showing some of the learning powers.

We are looking forward to being a part of developing and moulding these young children into kind and confident individuals.

Mrs Truter - Nursery teacher



Year 5/6 Pick-up

Please advise your child in the morning if you are coming to collect him/her at the end of the day. Please agree on a safe meeting place to avoid any confusion at pick up.

Covid-19 Guidance

As a reminder, parents and carers must minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, **do not attend school**.

Ensuring that pupils do not come into the school if they have [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#) or have tested positive in at least the last 10 days, and ensuring anyone developing those symptoms during the school day is sent home, are essential actions to reduce the risk in schools and further drive down transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

Reading at Morgans



Reading is the most important way to help ensure a child can learn effectively. Reading crosses every subject that is learned, including maths, and is therefore vital for academic progress. Please continue to read daily with your child to help support the teaching and learning of reading that is happening in school.

We will be assessing your children's reading during the first few weeks of term and will ensure that they are on the correct reading level to help support their understanding and development. The reading schemes we have in school have been updated by teachers to make sure they link directly to the learning of phonics. Your child's book band may change as a result of this update. Please be assured that we will be making changes based on the assessment.

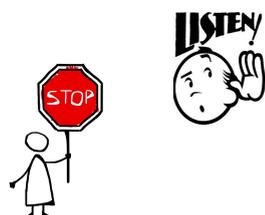
Home Learning



We have had lots of feedback from parents about the online learning that we organised through Tapestry, Seesaw and Google Classroom. Due to the success of this, we are going to continue using these platforms for home learning each week. This will also mean that everything is in place to continue supporting the learning at home should there be a local lockdown or if individual families need to self-isolate for a period of time.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Whilst the children have come in with big smiles and seem settled and happy, we know that some children may have hidden worries or feel anxious about the return to school or about the continuing situation with Covid-19. We have been addressing children's mental health and wellbeing in class and continue to use our S.L.O.W strategies and approach to help.



S.L.O.W
Stop
Listen
Open-up
Work together.



We have left these links on our Morgans Mail in order to offer for additional support to families in helping with your child's wellbeing and mental health as they are regularly updated:

Government:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-0-utbreak>

BBC bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Young Minds: <https://youngminds.org.uk/>

Mental Health Foundation:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/a-to-z/c/children-and-young-people>

NHS: <https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/>

Useful information

Please see the school website for updated information from Herts County Council with regards to schools reopening during the pandemic: <https://www.morgans.herts.sch.uk/covid-19-information>



Please continue to give us your feedback on how we are doing and how we can improve. We aim to ensure school is safe, fun and educational during this continuing difficult time.

Have a lovely weekend,

Helen Jackson and Alis Rocca

Co-Headteachers

