

# New Moston Primary School<sup>1</sup>

## SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



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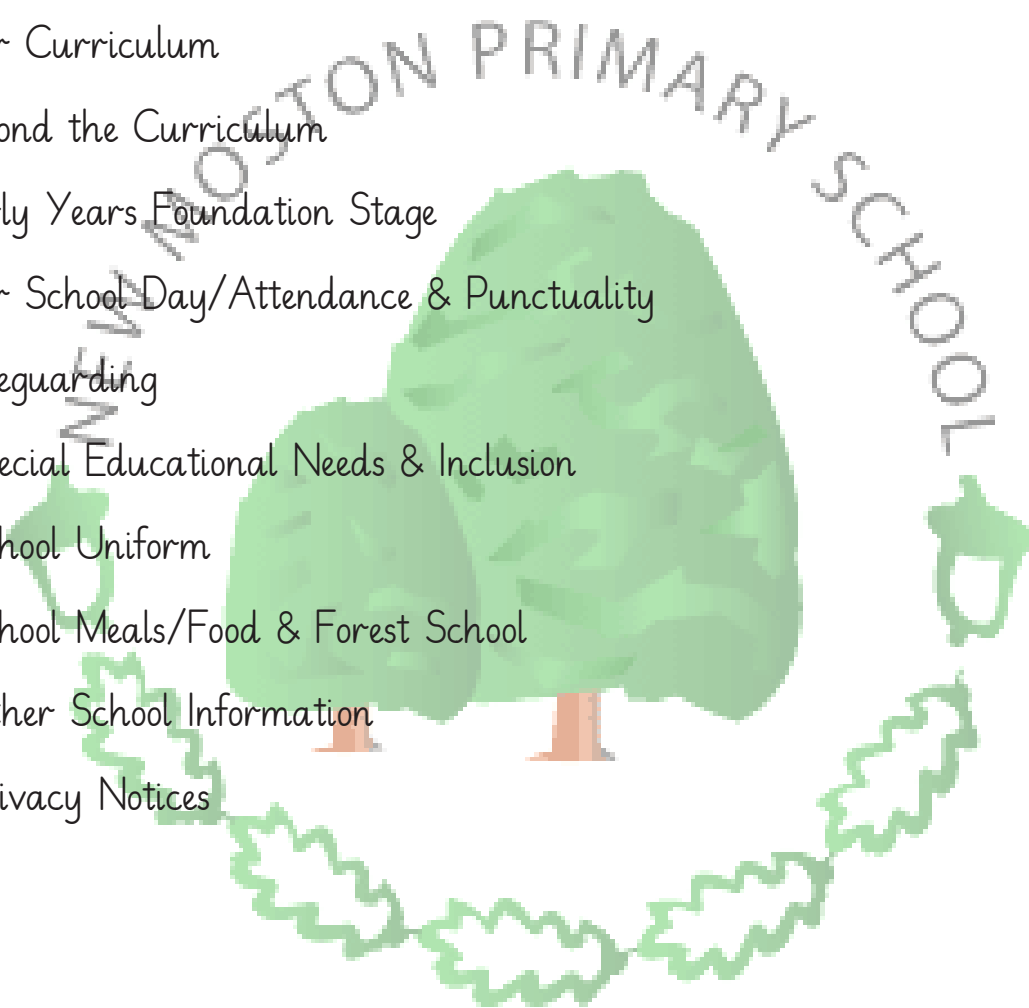
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## Headteacher's Welcome

I am really pleased to welcome you as a new starter to New Moston Primary School.

We are a busy and friendly North Manchester school who prides itself on its warm, inclusive and nurturing ethos. We are proud of every pupil who attends here.

At New Moston we are strongly committed to developing all children academically, socially and emotionally. Our expectations are high in all aspects of school life and we are constantly striving to grow as a school community.

This prospectus aims to give you a taster of our school, as well as providing important information for new families. It also hopefully begins the committed partnership we believe is essential between home and school to enable all children to meet their full potential.

I hope that our commitment to the well-being, safety and achievement of our pupils and staff is reflected through this prospectus but we welcome visitors to our school to see it for themselves. We understand that choosing the right school for your child is a big decision.



If you would like to come for a visit please ring to make an appointment, one of our staff will make themselves available to show you around so that you get to see our wonderful school in action and answer any questions you may have.

Miss J Maynard, Headteacher

## Mission Statement & Aims



### Mission Statement

New Moston is a happy, welcoming, and inclusive school where everyone is valued as an individual and given every opportunity to reach their full potential.

We learn in a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment which provides challenging, fun and exciting learning experiences.

High standards and expectations foster pride and respect throughout the school community and beyond.

"TOGETHER WE CAN SUCCEED"

### Aims

- To create a happy, caring atmosphere and a secure environment where children can learn effectively.
- To provide a broad, balanced and continuous curriculum to enable each child to experience success and achievement in fulfilling their own potential.
  - To encourage co-operation and respect towards each other and to foster effective positive links with the wider community.
- To recognise, celebrate and value the diversity of the world we live in and to share and praise the achievements of all members of our school community.
  - To enable each child to develop a positive self image leading to high self esteem, self respect and a confident and responsible attitude.

## Our Curriculum



Our curriculum at New Moston is based unwaveringly around the needs of our children. Capturing their interests, improving and increasing their experiences and providing learning challenges for all pupils is key to our curriculum.

There is strong emphasis on the basic skills of reading, writing and mathematics combined with our tailor made curriculum means that our offer enables children to develop holistically.

Our school prides itself on its inclusive curriculum offer. We employ a specialist languages teacher meaning that our MFL offer is second to none.

We also offer a range of musical activities (some of which are payable) including choir, violin, keyboard, guitar and steel pans.



## Beyond the Curriculum



### Supporting Families

New Moston Primary School we believe in a strong commitment to supporting families. We know from experience that a coordinated partnership between home and school is the best way to improve outcomes for all children.

Our pastoral team provide a range of support including; parenting support sessions, signposting to services, Early Help pathways and much more.

The pastoral team can be contacted through our main school office.

### Pastoral Care

As well as supporting families, we pride ourselves on our nurturing, supportive ethos to all pupils. A key part of our children's development is being able to manage their emotions and feelings in a safe and appropriate way. Our wellbeing and pastoral offer supports our pupils in preparing for the next stages in their lives.



### Our School Dog

Pippa, our school dog, was introduced to our school in 2019. She is a 2 year old Cockapoo, owned by our Headteacher and brought to school most days. There are many benefits of having a school dog including improving and assisting with empathy, responsibility, emotional regulation and also learning. Our school dog is loved by pupils, families and staff alike.

More information can be found on our website about Pippa.

### Out of Hours Learning

We try to offer a wealth of extra curricular activities as part of our offer at New Moston both at lunchtimes and after school.

Extra curricular clubs are run by both staff of the school and specialist coaches/staff.

Each club usually runs for half a term to offer a variety for children and these include football, skateboarding, dance as well as various music clubs. Our children enjoy showcasing their talents in shows and competing at inter school levels.



## Early Years and Foundation Stage

### Nursery and Reception



Our foundation stage is a welcoming and nurturing start to your child's education journey. Our staff work hard to ensure that our foundation stage curriculum is play based, immersive and based around the 7 different areas of the EYFS framework. Children have a number of daily adult led sessions at a level to suit their developmental phase. This learning is continued in our continuous provision which takes place both indoors and outdoors. Activities and experiences are planned and designed to be highly immersive, language rich and stimulating to promote optimal development and next steps in learning.

Transitions are carefully planned and individually tailor made to meet the needs of individual pupils. Your child's teacher or Key Worker should be your first point of contact and will work with families closely to ensure transitions are as successful as possible for all children.



## The School Day

Our school day has varied start times due the layout of our building.

Class	Start Time	End Time
Nursery	8.50am	3.10pm
Reception /KS1	8.45am	3.15pm
KS2	8.45am	3.15pm

## Attendance & Punctuality

Punctuality is important at New Moston. Children are expected to be brought and collected at the correct times. Late starts have a significant impact on both missed learning and a child's social and emotional start to the day.

If your child will be absent from school parents/carers are expected to telephone or email school in the morning to let us know why otherwise absences will be unauthorised.

Attendance is carefully monitored at New Moston Primary.

Holidays will not be authorised during term time. Leave of absences can be requested in the event of an exceptional circumstance.

Unauthorised absence may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued by the Local Authority.



## Safeguarding



Safeguarding and welfare is taken very seriously at New Moston Primary. All of our school community is expected to adhere to their responsibility to keep our children safe.

Families should be aware that if staff have any concerns about the welfare or safety of a child they will take appropriate actions, further explained in our safeguarding policy, to protect children. The Local Authority requires us to report any possible signs of non accidental injury or abuse, immediately and directly to Children's Services Department.

It is likely in these serious circumstances that parents may not be informed by school.

## Special Educational Needs



New Moston Primary aims to respond effectively to the individual needs of all its pupils. At any stage of their school education, a child may require some additional support with an aspect of their learning/development.

It is important that if you have any concerns about your child's learning or development that these are shared with the child's class teacher, a school SENDCo or a senior member of staff so that we can fully explore concerns and determine what effective provisions can be put in place to support. Ours SEND policy follows the statutory Code of Practice (2014), we have a number of staff with SEND responsibility and all SEND work is overseen by Mrs Mitchell (Deputy Headteacher and NA SENDCo award holder).

Our SEND team work closely with families as well as with a range of external agencies such as Educational Psychologists, Speech and Language Therapists, School Nursing teams and Mental Health services.

## Inclusion

All children will be treated equally regardless of any disability and taking into account the needs of all pupils irrespective of race, gender, religion and other protected characteristics of the Equality Act (2010)

The school observes the requirements of The Disability Act and we are satisfied that accessibility in our school is in line with requirements. An accessibility audit is available on our school website for further reference.



## School Uniform

Our school uniform is designed to be smart, affordable and active. All school uniform needs to be clearly labelled with your child's full name.

### Uniform options:

- School navy blue jumper or cardigan
- White or red polo shirt
- Dark grey or black trousers, joggers, shorts, skirt, skort or leggings
- Blue or red gingham summer dress/playsuit
- Black shoes or trainers

\*Heeled shoes are not allowed and only stud earrings are permitted

### PE kit

PE kits (or swimming kits in Year 4) should be in school on the days specified by class teachers at the start of the year.

PE kits should include—Black or navy PE shorts/skort, white t shirt and pumps

\*Jogging bottoms/tracksuit is needed for outdoor PE in winter months/cold weather

Swimming kit will be outlined when children are in Year 4

## Behaviour Expectations



We are committed to providing and maintaining a safe and supportive environment for all of our school community and to do this we have a high expectation of behaviours throughout our school.

We follow our school rules of;

- Be ready
- Be respectful
- Be safe

### **Bullying**

No forms of bullying, verbal or physical, are tolerated in our school. Incidents are dealt with swiftly—support is given holistically to pupils and if any further concerns become apparent parents and carers are informed quickly and escalations will be put into place.

Our anti bullying policy is available on our school website

## Pupil Involvement

Our pupils are actively involved in school decision making and in the daily running of our school. Our Junior Leadership Team are made up of peer nominated members who meet regularly with the Senior Leadership Team to have an active voice in school life.

Pupils have recently begun to be involved in recruitment of new staff (including our new Headteacher in 2021)

We also have pupil Play Leaders and Eco Warriors.

## School Lunches/Food in School



Children are welcome to have a school lunch or packed lunch in school during the day. Our school lunches provide healthy hot and cold options for children and our offer is regularly evaluated to ensure that national nutritional standards are being met. Lunchtime organisers support our children at lunchtime.

We are a recognised 'Healthy School'. School meals are carefully planned by nutritionists. If your child chooses to bring a packed lunch please ensure they have healthy choices. Fizzy drinks, takeaway foods, sweets and chocolate bars are not allowed. School meals are paid online using Simspay. Activation information can be obtained via the School Office.

Since September 2014 all children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. We would encourage all children to take the offer of their free school meal.

## Forest School



New Moston Primary is very fortunate to be recognised as a 'Forest School', where pupils develop their independence, resilience and their knowledge of the world around them.

We have key trained forest school staff and they are able to take pupils to lead outdoor learning.

Children experience camp fires, cooking outdoors and other learning using natural resources.

We ask that children bring waterproof clothing and wellies when they have forest school sessions as Manchester weather means that it can get quite messy at Forest School!

## Other Information

### School Website

Our school website is the best place to find the most up to date information about our school. It is constantly updated with upcoming events, blog pages and newsletters.

Parents/carers and children have dedicated sections to access on there.

### Use of Pupil's Images

At New Moston Primary we celebrate our curriculum and school offer through the medium of displays, newsletters, blogs and school social media pages. We do however realise that some families do not wish for their child's image to be shared for a variety of reasons. Please let us know by filling in the correct consent forms to outline your wishes.

### Governing Body

Our Governing Body meet half termly and are made up of different types of governors—staff governors, co-opted governors, parent governors and Local Authority governors. Our Governors are responsible for the strategic oversight of the school.

Our Chair of Governors is Mr C. Heatley.

### Complaints and Compliments

Our full complaints and Compliments policy is available on our website. Your first port of call should be your child's class teacher if you have a concern. Concerns can be escalated through the correct procedures if necessary.

Please remember to also let us know if we are doing things right :)



## Data Protection Act—Privacy Notice



We at New Moston Primary School are the data Controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. We collect information from you, and may receive information about you from your previous school. We hold this personal data and use it to:

- Support teaching and learning
- Monitor and report your progress
- Provide appropriate pastoral care
- Access how well your school is doing

This information includes your contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information, characteristics such as ethnic group, special educational needs and any relevant medical information.

***PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER OR IF ANY OTHER OF YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS THAT WE HOLD FOR YOU CHANGE***

We will not give information about you to anyone outside the school without your consent unless the law and our rules permit it

We are required by law to pass some of your information to the local authority (LA) and the Department for Education (DfE), and, where appropriate we will send to relevant NHS personnel (e.g. school nurses) information on individual pupils changing school (or address) to ensure continuity of care. If your child moves to another school we will ensure a handover of appropriate data we hold, and we will cooperate with other schools they have attended.

If you require more information about how the LA and /or DfE store and use this data please visit the following

[https://www.manchester.gov.uk/directory\\_record/287010/children\\_s\\_social\\_care](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/directory_record/287010/children_s_social_care)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

If you would like to see a copy of information about you that we hold, please complete an access to personal Data request form and return this to the school office by email

[admin@newmoston.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:admin@newmoston.manchester.sch.uk)

