



**Mowbray Primary School**  
**Stakeford Lane**  
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**Northumberland**  
**NE62 5HQ**

**Headteacher: Mr Andrew Miller**

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a lovely two weeks back and the children are settling in well into new classes and routines.

### Cycling Provision

You may have seen on Social Media over the holidays that we have expanded our cycling provision by entering into a partnership with Ian Dodd from Bone Desert Cycling. Ian will be helping us to deliver cycling within the curriculum as well as supporting us to deliver after school clubs. Ian will work across school and has started this half term with Early Years and Years 5 and 6. In addition to Ian, we are continuing our already successful partnership with Bike4Health who will also be delivering cycling activities during the school year.

### Cycling / Scooting to School

We love that so many children want to cycle and scoot to school. A reminder though that bikes and scooters should be dismounted on the yard. The small storage area by the Key Stage 2 doors is for scooters and the two larger storage areas on the yard are for bikes.

### Outdoor Play Equipment

You may recall my letter before the holidays about the climbing equipment we have purchased with the additional money raised by last year's sponsor run. This should have been installed over the holidays. However, the company has been hit by supply issues and raw materials shortages. As a result the project has been delayed. Hopefully it won't be too long until it is built so the children can begin to enjoy it!

### Ear Rings and Jewellery

Please note that no jewellery (except a watch) may be worn at school. If recently pierced ears need to remain open, plastic spacers should be worn rather than plasters or tape over the ear rings. If you are unable to get plastic spacers, contact the school office who will be happy to provide some.

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### Breakfast Club

Numbers are currently high and booking is essential. Some families are arriving without booking. While we always try to be supportive, we have had to turn away some families who have not booked in as maximum numbers had already been reached. Bookings can be made through School Money.

### Car Parking

We have been having a lot of complaints from local residents about inconsiderate car parking at both ends of the school day. Please consider where you are parking as some driveways and footpaths have been blocked. Northumberland County Council have informed us that parking enforcement officers will be making visits to school areas again.

### Photographer

We are pleased to say that the school photographer will be in school taking individual photographs on Thursday 23 September. If your child has PE or Forest School on this day and you would like your child to have their photo taken in school uniform, please send your child dressed in their school uniform and bring their PE or Forest School kit to change into. If you do not wish your child's photo to be taken or have any queries about the photographers visit, please contact School Business Manager Sara Atkinson via the school office or [sara.atkinson@mowbrayprimary.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:sara.atkinson@mowbrayprimary.northumberland.sch.uk)

### After School Provision

A reminder that we operate an After School Childcare provision up until 6pm each night. This can be with or without a meal. Bookings can be made through School Money.

### Contact Details

On a number of recent occasions we have had to contact parents / carers and find that phone numbers we hold are no longer in use or families have moved house and school has not been informed. Please make sure we have up to date contact numbers (we must have a minimum of 2), addresses and email addresses. To help with this over the next week, we will send a copy of the most up to date information we hold. Please make any amendments and return the form to school.

### Term Time Absences

A reminder that I am unable to authorise absences in term time except in exceptional circumstances. Any requests must be on the 'Request for Term Time Absence' form and should be sent into school at least two weeks prior to the requested dates. You may be contacted to provide additional information or evidence in relation to the exceptional circumstances.

### Payments to School

A reminder that all payments to school (e.g dinner money, visits, breakfast club etc) should be made online though School Money and not be made in cash. Please do not send cash payments into school with your child.

Yours sincerely



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