



Moorlands Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a good week and enjoyed the VE day celebrations.

We have been incredibly busy this week trying to work out a plan for the proposed restart of school for some pupils on 1st June.

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire that went out on Tuesday. This will give us a picture of how many pupils we are expecting back. If you have not yet filled in the questionnaire, please do by this evening.

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We are working very hard to ensure the children and staff are as safe as possible, but as you can all appreciate social distancing is not possible in schools.

We have had many questions throughout the week so we thought answering on this newsletter may be useful for everyone.

How many children will be in classes?

There will be a maximum of 15 children per class which follows Government guidelines. With Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 we have split each class in two alphabetically, creating a group A and B in each class. Group A will come to school Mon, Tues and Wed in week 1 and Group B will come to school Thurs and Fri. This will reverse during the 2nd week, so group B will come in Mon, Tues and Wed. Group A will come in Thurs and Fri. This will mean all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will be offered five days in school over a 2-week period.

How often will key worker and vulnerable children be able to come into school?

We will be running a booking system for these children, like the system we have been running over the closure period. We are now opening places to families with one key worker, so requests for places will be much higher. We have allocated 4 classrooms, due to space and staffing, for key worker children, which is a maximum of 60 children per day. Currently, at the time of writing this letter 141 key worker children want places. Once we have sent out the place request forms, we will be able to decide how these places are allocated. It is very unlikely that we will be able to offer any families a full-time place.

Will my child be with familiar staff, peers and in a familiar room?

With the Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children, we have tried, where possible, to have familiar members of staff with children. This of course may change with illness etc. These three year groups will be in their own classrooms with up to 15 children from their own class.

Would the focus be on learning or wellbeing?

There will be a mixture of well-being, topic and basic English and Maths skills being taught through a recovery curriculum.



What measures would be in place to help social distancing and the safety of our children and staff?

We have completed a risk assessment to help to keep our children and staff safe.

The school gates will open at 8.40am - no children are to be on the playground before this time. All children must be supervised. Reception and Year 1 children will enter via their usual classroom doors. Year 6 will line up outside the hall door – spaced 2 metres apart. Key worker children will either be entering through the Year 2 classroom doors or lining up outside year 4 – you will be told when we know numbers.

Classrooms will be laid out with limited numbers of desks and soft furnishings removed. Cleaning of surfaces will take place regularly throughout the day.

There will be staggered breaktimes and lunchtimes. Children will not be allowed to play team games such as football and will be reminded regularly about social distancing both in the classroom and outside. Children will be spaced out in the lunch hall - the whole hall will be opened to support social distancing.

Hands will be washed frequently - on arrival, before and after break and lunch and before home time. We will be ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.

There will be no gathering of adults or children – no assemblies.

Although the government has advised PPE for health and care workers to protect them from the spread of the virus, we have been advised against it. We will be leaving this up to our staff and pupils. If they wish to wear face covering, they can. PPE will be worn for all first aid and intimate care.

Although we are putting all these measures in place, there is limited social distancing at school, as children, particularly young children, find the concept very difficult to understand and remember. Traditional illnesses do spread in schools, and even though we are putting measures in place, we cannot prevent the spread of a worldwide pandemic.

Should I keep my child at home if they have an underlying health condition or live with someone in a clinically vulnerable group?

Children and young people who are considered extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding should continue to shield and should not be expected to attend.

Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. A minority of children will fall into this category, and parents should follow medical advice if their child is in this category.

Children and young people who live in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable, and shielding, should only attend if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and the child or young person is able to understand and follow those instructions.

Children and young people who live with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not extremely clinically vulnerable) as defined in the social distancing guidance and including those who are pregnant, can attend.

Will you still be providing home learning?

Yes, we will. Many of our children will still be staying safe at home. We have timetabled a team of staff to keep providing home learning. You may have to wait longer for replies to emails, as all staff will be in school at some point every week.

Will the usual school rules still apply?

Yes. We will be following our usual behaviour system. Children will need to be in full uniform, which includes regulation haircuts (no dyed hair, tramlines etc) and sensible school shoes.

Do I have to send my child to school if they are in Reception, Year 1, Year 6 or are vulnerable?

No, you do not. The government are encouraging parents to send children in, but at present no fines will be issued.

Will you be offering childcare for key workers over the half term holiday?

We will not be open. We have been open since school officially closed in March. Staff have either worked in school or at home every day. The cleaners and our wonderful Site Supervisor, Dan, have been in every single day. We all need a break to plan the next stage of opening and get school ready for 1st June.

What happens next?

We will be sending out a questionnaire to key workers, so they can book places. These families will be offered certain days in school. We will let Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children know if they are in group A or B later on today and will give further details about the planned reopening next week.

VE Day Celebrations

It was lovely to see the creative ways in which families celebrated VE day on Friday. Here are just a few photos that have been sent to us.



Website

Up-dates will continue to take place on a Friday. Check out our new Home Learning and Routine tab with videos and resources to support home life and routine during this challenging time. We have also added a Community Information tab to keep everyone updated on local news such as Scams, Mental Health support and funding. We hope you find these new additions useful.

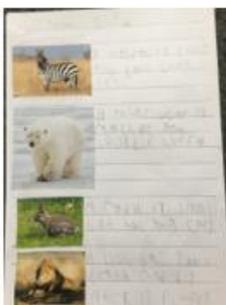
Home Learning Hub Shout Outs

Mrs Watson would like to give a shout out to Christian who has been doing some great research on mammals and created a giraffe using junk modelling materials. Beth and her family have been very creative and designed an underwater scene! Harper and her family enjoyed celebrating VE day on Friday and came joint first in the street T-shirt competition! They also won best family effort for their fancy dress and house decorations! Mrs Woodhouse would like to give a shout out to Laila in 3S for her wonderful maths work.



Miss Flint would like to give a shout out to James for learning the days of the week! To George for ordering the days of the week! To Maiza for your excellent addition! She liked how you used the beads to help you count! And to Archie for your super labelling of the sunflower! Well done to you all. Miss Augustine and Mrs Wdowczyk would like to give a shout out to Alfie in 5WA for his wonderful home-made sign. Great compass work too (Mrs Stott will be impressed!).

Miss Shaw would like to give a shout out this week to the following children in 6S: Ewan for maintaining his routine with his school work, investigating at home with his science kit and continuing to learn his guitar with his music teacher through zoom whilst also having zoom scout sessions too! Molly for her fantastic fair-trade project. Molly has completed a huge amount of research and presented her ideas clearly using the computer, incorporating great facts and pictures! Joshua for his culinary skills in the kitchen! He has been busy making bread and even pretzels with his Dad and Lucy for her thoughtfulness. She has sent Miss Shaw some lovely emails to see how she is, taught her how to bring the zoo into her house using Google 3D animals, spent time exercising with her Grandma and even made a birthday card with Molly for Mrs Turner! Well done 6S! You are all stars!



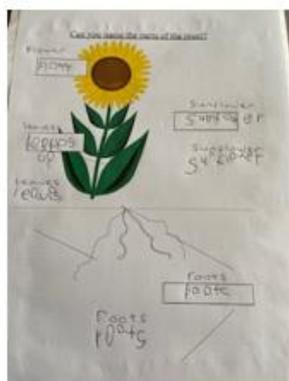
Miss Bancroft would like to give a shout out to Cole and Zainab who have been working super hard throughout this time sending her what they have been up to every day!

To Noah and Evan for their fantastic stories that she is enjoying reading every week. To Ciara and Malaika for the pictures of their baking - looked yummy!

Mrs Krol would like to give a shout out to Aiden for making a super glow in the dark star constellation using glow in the dark Lego and Gracie for a great very hungry caterpillar.

Mrs Jones would like to give a shout out to Ivy who has been busy helping at home, busy baking and shrinking crisp packets to turn into keyrings and Niamh has made a 3D aquarium!!

Mrs Stott would like to give a shout out to Eleanor in 4S for her re-enactment of Ancient Greek Olympics Games (thanks to her brother Thomas for helping too). To Deishaun 4S for his resilience when tackling the MyMaths activities. And she would also like to give a shout-



out (with her Geography hat on) to Nathan in 3P for his fantastic comparison between Huddersfield and Madrid.

Mr Duffy would like to give a shout out to Lola who worked hard making paper chains, designing bunting and colouring VE day pictures to decorate her window. On VE day itself they held an afternoon tea party in her garden. Lola helped to bake scones, butterfly buns and they made rocky road too, as well as various sandwiches. It all sounds delicious! In her homework book she wrote facts about VE day which she researched online, and her family talked about what it meant. Well done Lola.

Emailing Teachers

Staff are happy to email and discuss any aspect of the work and share the successes of our children.

Class teachers are available on the following email addresses, you can send completed homework to them if you wish. They are also available to answer any questions.



DD – DD@moorlandsprimary.org.uk	3P – 3P@moorlandsprimary.org.uk
HH - HH@moorlandsprimary.org.uk	3S- 3S@moorlandsprimary.org.uk
SS - SS@moorlandsprimary.org.uk	4C – 4C@moorlandsprimary.org.uk
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Emergency Childcare

Next week will be our last week of emergency childcare for families where both parents are critical workers. We have sent out an online booking questionnaire to families to book onto this emergency childcare for the week beginning 18th May. If you require a place and both parents are critical workers and you haven't booked a place, please contact our school office. **DO NOT just turn up to school** as current staffing levels have been calculated for the number of children booked in for each day. Unfortunately, you will be turned away.

If you have booked on and haven't been contacted, then you will have a place.

Take care everyone, look after each other and look out for your neighbours and the vulnerable in your community. We are looking forward to seeing you all as soon as it is safe to do so.

Best wishes

Everyone at Moorlands