

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY
KEEPING IN TOUCH #4



24th April 2020

Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope that your first week 'back' on home learning has gone well and that the learning packs provided to 'kick off' the Summer term have been engaging and enjoyable for everyone at home! Once again, it has been lovely to see how children are getting on with the tasks and activities set through photos and email updates.

Learning packs will once again be available for collection at the same times next week - 1.30-2.30pm on Monday and 9.00-10.00am on Tuesday. Thank you so much to those of you who have been able to collect them - it really does help us! Our next packs include some mindfulness activities from our '60 Mindfulness Minutes' Nurture box- there is one sheet per family, so we have popped them into packs for the eldest child. We hope that it helps to have some moments of calm and relaxation! We have also attached a support booklet from North Yorkshire for parents and pupils, which has been provided by the Local Authority on Mental and Emotional well-being.

There is lots of different guidance and information about resources 'going live' on the internet by other providers, for example the BBC. Our teachers are making links to bitesize where appropriate on the 'teach sheets' for the learning that we are setting and sometimes, bitesize links to the content on Classroom Secrets too...! We will continue to set children tasks through the subject areas that we would be covering in school, with our themed weeks, so that we know where children should be roughly when they do come back into school.

As ever, we aim to respond to feedback from you at home! Some of you have shared that your children are feeling 'down in the dumps' at times and having trouble sleeping. We have been working on providing some packs to support with well-being at home, using a range resources that we might use at school as an intervention. <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/well-being-at-home/>

If you would like a paper copy, please do contact us at school and we will print one for your next pack. We will keep adding to these resources to respond to any needs that arise. We are currently working on a 'transition tool-kit' to find the best ways possible to guide children through transition to secondary school and indeed back into school when it is safe to do so.

We have also been asked to provide some suggested reading lists, for those of you who might want to buy a book over the coming weeks for your child. We will email a reading list for each year group with ideas of age-appropriate texts. Keep up the great work on Reading Eggs and Reading Plus and as much as you can too!

There have been a number of media/press reports, making speculations about when schools will re-open. We have no dates or further information than that which has been shared by the Government. I can assure you that as soon as I do have any information, I will update you. A huge amount of work is taking place, to ensure that we are preparing for every contingency so that when the time comes, and we get the green light, we will be ready! Throughout this difficult time, we continue to do our best to ensure that we are supporting you and your lovely children, who we are missing very much. I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and remember that we are here if you need anything at all.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher