

# MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

## KEEPING IN TOUCH #10



12<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Friends,

We have had another week of 'staying apart, but learning together'! We know that some children have been completing beautiful art work from last week as well as thinking about themselves, and their identities as part of our PHSCE theme. It has been super to see so many photos of children thinking about keeping safe and how to manage changes that might affect them and the associated emotions. It has also been a week full of conflicting information in the media about the next steps for Primary age children, through various news broadcasts about Summer 'catch up' provision and the wider school opening plans for Years 2-5 being suspended. We receive this information at the same time as the rest of the population and look forward to further clarification from the Government next week about what the 'catch up offer' might entail.

Whilst the current social distancing measures in schools are in place and unchanged, we will continue to follow the guidance and care for vulnerable children and those with parents who are key workers, as well as priority groups of children in the Early Years, Y1 & Y6. However, with the growing number of Key Worker children attending, we are unable to invite whole-classes of children into school at the moment. We appreciate how much pressure this continues to put on our families. THANK YOU SO MUCH for working with us to support your child(ren) with their learning and well-being at home using their learning packs. We are always pleased to hear about how you are doing and respond to your feedback. There are lots of resources on our website at: <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/well-being-at-home/> for further well-being support, but we are also on the other end of the phone if you need us. If there is anything we can help you with or if you just want to 'touch base', please don't hesitate to contact us.

If you are a Key Worker, I cannot reiterate enough how important it is to ensure that you have booked your children into school through the school website by 4.30pm on a Wednesday afternoon (as per my letter this week), so that we can ensure that all safety and social distancing measures are in place in each pod. We will endeavour to support you the best that we can but an incredible amount of work goes into timetabling staff and ensuring that we have the appropriate resources in place, which is difficult to manage with last minute bookings in the current climate.

Our weekly phone calls will continue, and we are especially keen to hear from the children about what they need and how we can continue to engage/re-engage them with their learning. Our packs can be collected on a Monday afternoon from 1.30pm, but if you would like to arrange an alternative time for pick-up, please contact the school office. We delivered 70 learning packs this week, so really appreciate it if you are able to visit the school gate for collection.

Our transition activities and virtual 'leaving events' for Year 6 pupils are in the pipeline and we look forward to sharing our plans with you over the next fortnight, but if you have any suggestions, we would love to hear them. Please send an email via the school office to Miss Rogan.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and thank you again for your unwavering support.

Best wishes,

**Mrs Rowett**  
Headteacher

