

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

KEEPING IN TOUCH #12



26th June 2020

Dear Parents and Friends,

It has been an extremely warm week this week, which makes any motivation for learning harder than usual, when there might be a paddling pool waiting outside! We hope that your children have enjoyed doing some of the transition activities in their learning packs, to help them to prepare for their transition into the next academic year. Attached to this letter is also a fact file from their teacher next year, so that they can get to know them better!!

We have arranged a 'Meet the Teacher' session for each year group on the 8th, 9th or 10th July, so that you and your child can say a quick 'hello' and share any concerns or questions that you might have. This will not be for all children in the class at the same time, so that we can maintain social distancing regulations. We will send you more information about which date this will be for your child's year group early next week. If your child is in school, they will still have the opportunity for this to take place during a school session the following week. At this 'Meet the Teacher' session, pupils will receive some fun resources and activities to keep them entertained during the holidays. We hope that this transition opportunity will support your child if they have any worries. If you cannot attend, we can arrange a phone call with next year's teacher instead.

As we organise resources for the new school year, we are doing an audit of reading books in order to buy some more to compliment our current reading scheme. If your child is in Reception, Y1 or Y2 and has any reading books at home, please put them in the box at the gate when you collect your learning packs on Monday at 1.30pm or drop them into the box at the Reception door, at the top of the steps, at a convenient time next week. This will help us to ensure that we are well stocked and raring to go with our reading when we can fully re-open.

We are now at capacity in the 3 Early Years pods, Year 1 and Key Worker pods. There is still a bit of space for some Y6 pupils who may join us on 6.7.20. We regret that last minute key worker bookings may not be available, if we are full, to avoid risk.

We are following all government guidelines (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020>) and maintaining the limit of 15 children in a 'bubble' group (pods). Throughout the lockdown period, we have prioritised key worker and vulnerable children and clearly shared our dates and stages of wider opening. Decisions about Pupils returning to school has been individualised, depending on which priority group children fall into and the capacity in staff and space.

The guidance on 15 June 'confirmed that primary schools that have capacity, after making provision for the priority year groups (N, R, Y1 and Y6), can invite additional pupils to return, so long as they can accommodate more children **while still following the approaches set out in our protective measures guidance.**'

We continue to follow the protective measures guidance and unfortunately cannot safely invite more children into school as a result. This is due to space and staffing, as staff cannot teach more than one pod to mix bubbles. Children in Years 2-5 who **do not** meet the criteria for being vulnerable, and whose parents

are not key workers will need to continue to learn at home, whilst the protective measures are in place. If you would like to ask any questions about this or need any further support with home learning, please do contact us at school at the earliest opportunity, so that we can share our decision-making with you and provide further clarification and support. If you have any concerns, we want to continue to support you moving forward. Social media is a portal to express your feelings, but will not give you the answers that you need to support your child in returning to school. Thank you for your help and understanding with this.

Some tickets have already been booked for our virtual disco on 3.7.20 at 1.30pm. If you book before Monday morning, you will receive a glow stick when collecting your learning pack..... please follow the link: <https://samhartdj.co.uk/tickets.html> to secure your place!! Once again, I would like to thank FOMS for providing what will be an unusual but fun experience for us all.

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well and that we see you on screen at the end of the week having a dance. Have a super weekend everyone!

Best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher