

18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Friends,

We have had a busy and varied week at Moorside, with more children enjoying their topic 'launch days', new Nursery starters joining us and a charity fundraiser to end the week with Jeans for Genes day! Thank you to everyone who participated and donated – we look forward to sharing the total funds raised on Monday. We have also welcomed Henry, Maddie and Jessica to our Moorside team, and hope that they soon feel settled and make new friends.

**If your child is unwell....**

We have lots of information that we hope you will find helpful in deciding whether your child is well enough to attend school, as cold and flu season sets in, the ever-changing messages about Covid-19 symptoms, and the challenges that people are facing in tracking down tests. I have included the flow chart and NHS advice on when they should return to school, if a member of your household is experiencing symptoms at the end of this update.

In line with this, I have included our **Remote Learning Plan** as an attachment to this email, in case we have children who are isolating over a 10/14 day period, or if we have to close a bubble if a member of staff or a child in that bubble has a confirmed positive test. This plan may change slightly, if there are alterations to Government guidance, however, I hope that the attached helps you to feel secure that our aim is to support our families as much as possible, with continuation of education provision at home, as well as in school throughout this period of uncertainty. Through the Home-School Charter, we have asked parents to inform us of their preferences for online learning or learning packs (or both). We would appreciate your feedback as soon as possible, so that we have secure plans in place as a school and can prepare for every eventuality, in case we are advised to close or partially close.

**Parent Information**

I hope that you found the information useful that we have sent home this week, with timetables, topic knowledge mats, learning letters and homework challenges. You can find the topic mats at: <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/curriculum-plans/> on the website and homework (including your child's spellings overview) at: <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/home-learning-and-websites/>. Until guidance changes, we continue to be cautious about the number of items going to and from home and school and have prioritised reading books. We really appreciate you sending the children with just their book bags and disposable packed lunches so that we can keep everyone as safe as possible.

**PE and Forest School days**

Thank you so much for persevering with getting used to the days that children need to come into school in PE kit/Forest school kit, rather than uniform, as again, it limits the number of items going to and from school. We have been informed by Sporting Influence that Mr Doey is likely to be taking 2 weeks paternity leave from Monday, so there are likely to be changes to the Tuesday PE sessions. We will endeavour to keep you informed via text and email if your child's day for PE clothes needs to be altered over this period. Please contact the school admin ladies via [admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk) or give us a call if you need further clarification. This is by far the quickest way of receiving the correct information from school. Thank you.

Well done to **Reception** for the highest attendance this week in school with **99.03%**.

I hope that you and your families have a lovely restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Best wishes,

Mrs Rowett

**Diary dates:**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 4pm – Reception Parent phonics session  
w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> November and 9<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Consultations via Zoom.

## How do I know when my child needs to stay at home?

