

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all managed to have a lovely half term break with your families. It sounds as though many of you enjoyed some fresh air and 'alternative' Halloween festivities, even in the current climate, and the children have come back to school refreshed and raring to go!

Today, you will receive a school report for your child, following the assessments that we carried out last half term. We want you to feel well informed about your child's education and progress, and are therefore providing the opportunity for you to discuss this through parent consultations via Zoom or telephone over the next 2 weeks, with your child's teacher. If you have not made an appointment already, please contact the school office.

Obviously, with a second lock down ahead from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November, there is uncertainty nationally and within our community. The launch of the test and trace app has led to a number of staff members, as well as families, needing to isolate, as a result of potential contact with those who have tested positive for Covid-19. There has also been wide media coverage again questioning whether schools should remain open or not, at a time when the R rate is rising.

I wanted to share my clear message that we will continue to do our best to uphold our high standards of education and well-being support for all our pupils throughout the term, whether this has happened within school or remotely (due to individual isolation). The key to us being able to provide support is through timely communication with yourselves and we really appreciate all your support as we make the necessary adjustments to the usual running of school, to make it as safe as possible.

If you or anyone who you have been in contact with displays any of the following symptoms, please email [admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk) immediately. The symptoms include:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

(<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>). The above email address is checked regularly. If children develop symptoms, we will follow our most up to date risk assessment, which will be published on our website tomorrow. We have not received any further government guidance following Saturday's announcement, but will continue to keep you updated.

If you and/or your family are adversely affected in any way and require further support, for example through Free School Meals funding or local foodbanks, please email Mrs Price at [s.price@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:s.price@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk), who can assist you further. Even if you just need a chat, we are here on the end of the phone!

**Tel:** 01765 604208

**Email:** [admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk)



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These continue to be unprecedented times, and we need to work together as a team more than ever, to help each other.

Please keep safe everyone.

Best wishes,

Mrs Rowett  
Headteacher

