

22nd January 2021

Dear Parents and Friends,

I am hoping that this letter finds you safe and well and feeling that you are getting into some sort of rhythm, now that routines are becoming more established in learning at home and at school.

I feel an overwhelming sense of pride by the amount of fabulous learning updates that we have continued to receive and feel incredibly impressed by the way that our staff and families have adjusted to delivering the remote learning in place. If you are finding any aspect of remote learning or supporting your child’s emotional well being a challenge, we are just a phone call or email away. If you receive a ‘withheld number’ call, it is likely that a member of staff is contacting you from home, but is offering some support or just a check-in.

This week - children in each year group taking part in online learning is as follows...

Year Group:	Reception:	Year 1:	Year 2:	Year 3:	Year 4:	Year 5:	Year 6:
Percentage of engagement in online learning	79%	95%	93%	95%	88%	83%	86%

Some really brilliant engagement - we would love to achieve 100% next week!!

Don’t forget, we have a well being at home section on our website with a number of booklets to help with sleep and other anxieties that children may be facing at the moment.

<https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/well-being-at-home/>

This page also has signposts to external agencies, such as the ‘Go To’ website. **The Go-To** is a portal or ‘single point of information’ for the wide range of **mental health** support services offered by different agencies in North Yorkshire, designed to help young people cope with stress or anxiety. Please do take a look if you feel it would help your child in the current situation.

As per the National guidance, we are aiming to begin Lateral Flow Testing in school for staff on Monday 25th January. This will enable staff to self check as to whether they are potentially asymptomatic and need to access a Covid test, in the hope that it will reduce the risk in the transmission of the virus. This is a new government initiative and hopefully a further layer of protection in ensuring the safety of staff and pupils before the vaccine is made available more widely.

If your child is in Years 2-6 and learning at home 100% of the time, we will be offering them the opportunity to complete some online assessments in Maths and Reading. This is to ensure that we are addressing any individual gaps in their learning, as well as ensuring that their remote learning provision is pitched appropriately for them. Children who are in school at any stage during the week



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will do the same assessment in school. Your child's class teacher will send further details as to how to complete the assessment, but please do not do any part of it for them, as you will be submitting false information about their own knowledge and understanding, for which we are aiming to support them in making progress. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions at all once we have sent out additional information next week.

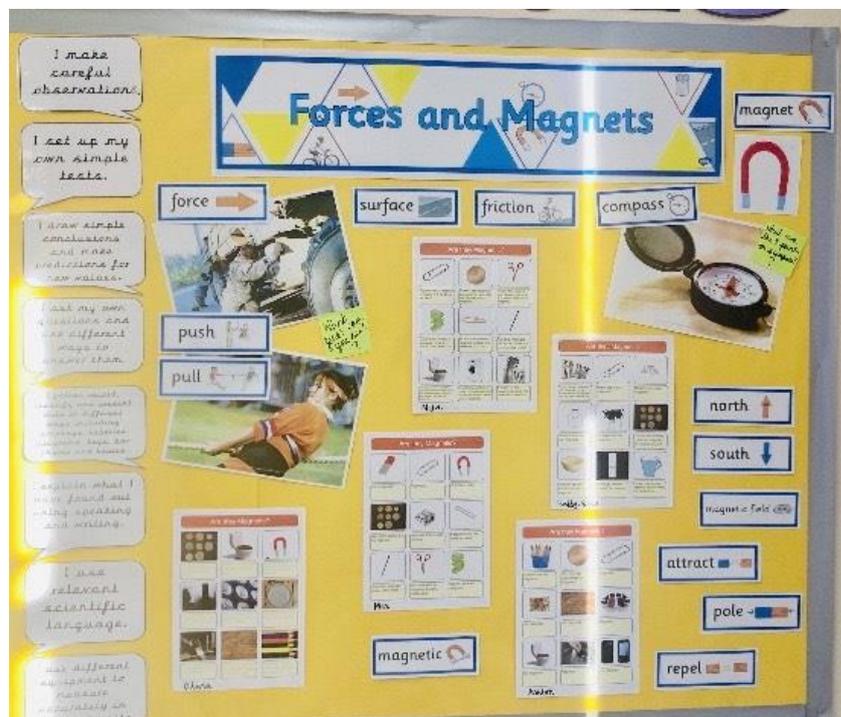
Please keep the brilliant updates coming - they really do cheer us up at school, as we are missing having everyone together. Thank you for keeping in touch with us and doing everything that you can at home to support our children throughout these unprecedented times. We really do feel the strength within our school community and wider community at the moment.

Take care and stay safe Team Moorside!! Have a great weekend...

Best wishes,



Mrs Rowett
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Year 3 Science display in school showcasing children's fantastic remote learning this week!