

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well, continuing to stay safe and are managing to adapt to this new and surreal way of life. Today feels particularly strange as, although school will remain open for the children of key workers, it is the last day of the Spring Term and I want to provide you with an update so that you know what to expect moving forwards.

**Keeping in touch:**

Teachers have made contact, or attempted to make contact, with every child in school this week. I have had great feedback from teachers regarding these conversations and I hope the children enjoyed them too. To ensure this process runs more smoothly after the break, we will send you a text to let you know when to expect a call. Please note that the call will be from either the school number or a withheld number. Please also use the conversations to ask for any help or guidance you may need to support home learning.

**Home learning:**

After the Easter holiday, teachers in years 1 to 6, will be emailing home learning resources on a weekly basis. The first email will be sent on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April with activities for the following week. The work will cover a range of curriculum areas and will be matched to children's confidence levels. It will be accompanied by a suggested timetable, top tips for home learning and links to our YouTube channel where teachers will video themselves demonstrating tricky concepts.

Learning activities for children in nursery and reception will continue to be shared via Tapestry.

As a parent myself, I recognise the challenges of home learning. Please remember that when we teach your children in school we have well-resourced classrooms with a qualified teacher and teaching assistant. This is obviously very different to our current home environments where we might have to be on a conference call; sending emails; taking phone calls; dealing with requests for snacks; changing nappies or resolving back garden arguments (sometimes all at the same time). In short, the list is endless and as parents and carers we are all doing our best in unprecedented circumstances.

Whilst it is important for children to be learning at home, please do not put yourself under too much pressure. Find a way that works for you, be flexible and allow plenty of time for play and creative activities. Please remember that we are here to help and support wherever we can so get in touch if you are finding things difficult ( [enquiry@moorgreenacademy.org](mailto:enquiry@moorgreenacademy.org) ).

**YouTube channel**

Our YouTube channel is now live and can be accessed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPCsyHskPTE4HosC4so8RRw/>

Our aim is to provide teaching videos as well as fun and creative content all of which will allow children to maintain a sense of familiarity with the adults in school. Videos are organised by playlist and there is a playlist per year group and per key stage. There are also playlists for forest school and health and wellbeing. I would advise you to explore all areas as included are arts and crafts videos and storytelling videos that may be of interest to children of all ages. The resource will grow and develop over time as more content is added so please check the site regularly.

If children are spending more time online at the moment, it is important to remind ourselves of the importance of e-safety. There are some great online resources to help support you in keeping your children safe online. Please find a selection below:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Leaflets in range of languages: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-young-people-online>

I am a firm believer that the strength of a team and a community really comes to the fore in difficult times. I cannot thank the staff team at Moor Green enough for their calmness, professionalism and dedication over the last three weeks – they have been incredible. I would also like to thank all parents and carers for your support, kindness and understanding as we have worked together in a situation totally new to us all. This wonderful community spirit is embodied in this week's newsletter, which will be sent out later today. Mrs Fage has done a brilliant job collating the content and I hope you find it a really enjoyable and uplifting read.

Please take care and stay safe,

Mr T. Twort

Headteacher