



Tuesday 31st March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Can I start with a huge thank you! The messages of support that you have sent over the last week to the school, staff and myself have been overwhelming – we are really appreciative of your support and it keeps us going in this difficult time. Can I also say how impressed I am with the amount of activities that I am seeing posted of children's learning at home – you certainly are keeping them busy!!

We have been inundated with requests for additional work and packs and we have continued to provide these in the last week. However, regretfully we will no longer be able to do this as the school continues to close aspects of school such as the school office. Therefore, I thought it a good idea to give you an update with what else you can be doing with your child/ren at home. With that in mind, **this Friday I will be hosting our weekly Star of the Week assembly from home!!** If you'd like to get involved, send a piece of learning to your class teacher and we will share these on Friday afternoon, live on Facebook – normal time, 3pm.

- Just enjoy being with your children. The welfare and wellbeing of your family comes before school activities
- Be reassured that there are no set expectations about how you and your child/ren spend the time they would normally be at school. We are all in uncharted territory trying to work out what to do for the best. What may be best for one family may not work for another.
- If you decide to play in the garden, bake, or watch TV (educational or otherwise), then that is fine. There is nothing to stress or feel guilty about.
- Please do just make sure that you read to them, read with them and have them read to you.

You are doing a great job. You are loving your children and supporting them through a difficult time. Look after yourself. Minimising stress is absolutely vital in a time like this for everyone's mental health.

Childcare at school update

- School will continue to offer child care to those on our list over Easter (not weekends). We will not be open on Good Friday or Easter Monday. The hours of opening for this period will be 9am-3pm.
- Please provide a packed lunch for your child and drinks and snacks for the day. Meals are not provided.
- Whenever possible please email in advance to let us know if child care is needed (office@moorgateacademy.co.uk) to help us plan staffing requirements
- Half day childcare is possible if arranged in advance (a.m. or p.m.)

I am sure you will join me in thanking the teachers, teaching assistants, office, caretaking, kitchen, lunchtime and cleaning staff who are on our rota, making it possible for us to support the NHS and other critical workers. As always, follow the government advice; where possible, you and your child should stay at home, even if you are a key worker. Wash your hands regularly and do not make unnecessary journeys.

Take care, stay safe and hope to see you all back in school when all this is over.

My kindest and most sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mr. J. Williams (Headteacher)