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Dear Parents,

If I have not seen you, may I start by wishing you all a Happy New Year! I am writing to keep you informed about what is happening with regards to remote learning, as well as giving you extra information that I feel you may need at this time.

Packs of work have been available from last week for this week. From Monday of next week work for each year group will be posted on ClassDojo each week with 3 hours content for infants and 4 hours for juniors, this is our 'Remote Learning.' The work will all be in a timetabled grid with hyperlinks for the children to follow. Work packs will be sent out through the post this week and then will need collecting each Friday to use the following week. The work packs are to supplement the online learning. Each worksheet links to online content and children must complete the work when they have watched the content. We are also asking that children keep the packs and bring them back in when school re-opens. Teachers will be calling children at least weekly to discuss their learning, but teachers are contactable 8am-4pm each day via ClassDojo or by emailing them for support and advice. Further, detailed information regarding our remote provision plans is on our website, the link for this is at http://www.moorside-academy.co.uk/wp-

content/uploads/2021/01/share information about your remote education1412.pdf

A link to setting up ClassDojo is at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgJzVJ9mCBY

With regards to 'Critical/Key Worker' places in school, please check if you meet the criteria, as these have changed since the first time we were in full lockdown. School is open for parents with ONE parent who is a Critical/Key Worker for the hours that they are in work and when school is open. The link to the guidance is at

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintainingeducational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintainingeducational-provision. Please do not hesitate in contacting school for more information if you have any questions regarding eligible places.



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PEACE COMMUNITY HAPPY INCLUSION LEARNING NURTURE RESILIENCE RESPECT CHALLENGE As school is closed, families in receipt of 'Free School Meals' are eligible for weekly food packs. This also is different from the last time we were in lockdown/school was partially closed. The Government guidance states that 'We strongly encourage schools to work with their school catering team or food provider to provide food parcels to eligible free school meal pupils who are at home. Where school kitchens are open this should be the approach taken by schools.' This is the reason that the voucher system has had to be replaced.

As always, thanks for your understanding, patience and support through these difficult times. Guidance is changing rapidly and I will continue to keep you updated via text and on Twitter with the updates, as well as through regular letters posted on our website.

We are in school full time so if you need to contact us for whatever reason, please call school on 01695 722931 or email me at head@moorside-academy.co.uk.

Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. R. Davis Headteacher