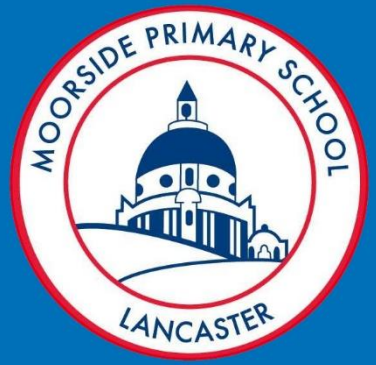


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Home Learning Update (April #2)

Dear Parents and Carers

We are already nearing the midpoint of our Easter 'holidays'. I hope that you are managing some time together during this period to do some different activities, having taken a break from home learning. If you haven't done so already, you might enjoy a virtual tour of a museum or zoo – just google 'virtual tours' and you will find lots to choose from!

Home/school communication and wellbeing

The teachers are very much enjoying contacting you by phone to speak with you. If you have not yet been contacted, please don't worry – someone will be in touch before the end of next week. Our office staff are on holiday during this period, so the telephone is not being answered. If you need any additional support in the coming weeks, we have a designated email wellbeing@moorside-pri.lancs.sch.uk and a designated number 07765046132. These are checked during school hours.

We have brought together some materials to support parents and children during these uncertain times. You can find these on our school Home Learning (COVID-19) page, accessed through the school's website home page.

Seesaw Home Learning Platform

Thank you for all the positive feedback you have given us about how we are managing home learning through Seesaw. We all miss the children terribly and it is great to be able to get this up and running for the start of the next term. Last week's Year 4 trial went well: we received very positive feedback from the children and their families about being in touch with the teachers again and using the platform.

If you have not accessed the Seesaw platform yet, a letter on our website gives full instruction on how to do this. Every year group will be operational from Monday 20th April.

If your child has English as an Additional Language, there is some information on how to help your child at home on our school Home Learning (COVID-19) page, accessed through the school's website home page.

Childcare for Key Workers

If your child has not been using the childcare service so far, but you need care after the holidays, then please contact us through the email address: keyworker@moorside-pri.lancs.sch.uk

To qualify for the care:

- you must be a keyworker
- you must physically be at your place of work on the day you plan to use the service (not working from home)
- there must be no other responsible adult at home, working or otherwise, on the day you plan to use the service

If you have been using the service, then we will assume you are continuing in a similar pattern to the last few weeks, so please let us know of your shift patterns if they have changed.

Social distancing in educational settings

On Tuesday the Government released specific advice for implementing social distancing in educational and childcare settings. We had already set our own safe systems of work (see 'Keeping your child safe at school' letter dated 20th March) and I am pleased to confirm that we are working well within the official guidelines. Within the guidance, parents are also asked to:

- talk to their children about coronavirus (COVID-19), social distancing and handwashing
- follow guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection
- do not gather at entrances or in playgrounds, and model social distancing so that their children learn good practice

With best wishes to you all at this time.

Alice Earnshaw
Acting Deputy Head Teacher