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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Keeping in Touch

As we come to the end of our 6th week away from school, I am writing what will be a weekly 'keeping in touch' letter to keep you abreast of as much information as I possibly can.

Moorside Primary School staff continue to be busy, either organising home learning or caring for the children of key workers and children that are attending school. I know you too must be busy at home, helping to make our children feel safe, happy and still keep up with their learning, whilst also trying to coordinate your own work commitments. This is a difficult time for many, please know that Moorside Primary School is here to help as much as we possibly can, please contact school by one of or many channels if you are struggling and think we may be able to help.

Resources you might find helpful or useful at this time are detailed below.

Free School Meals Eligibility and Claims

If your circumstances have changed recently, perhaps through loss of income for example, you may qualify for support including free school meals. All the details can be found here: <https://www.salford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/free-school-meals/>. Please note that any pupil eligible for free school meals before 1 April 2018 will keep their free school meal eligibility until 31 March 2022. If you would prefer to discuss this with a member of staff, please get in touch with us and we will see what we can do to help.

You may also find the support of Spirit of Salford useful. They can be contacted here: <https://www.salford.gov.uk/spiritofsalford> or by calling 0800 952 1000.

Online Safety

Most of our children are accessing their learning online. As a result online safety is more important than ever. With this in mind we recommend the following resources which are designed for parents and children.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/early-years/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/5-7s/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/8-10s/>

Well-Being and support

Shout: confidential 24/7 text service launched across Greater Manchester

New support being offered by SHOUT service - a confidential 24/7 text service operated by trained crisis volunteers who will chat using text responses. Advice is available for anyone struggling with a host of issues, including: anxiety, depression, suicidal thoughts, abuse or assault, self-harm, bullying or relationship issues. The service is overseen by clinical supervisors.

The newly launched confidential SHOUT text service can be contacted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, simply by texting **GMSalford to 85258**

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To reach higher than we dreamed
To be the best that we can be*



For more information you can visit: <https://hub.gmhsc.org.uk/mental-health/shout-24-7-textmessaging-service-to-support-those-in-crisis/>

You can see more about the digital support as it becomes available via GM through the following link: <https://hub.gmhsc.org.uk/mental-health/digital-mental-health-resources/>

SilverCloud Launched in GM

SilverCloud offers online programmes for adults (aged 16 years+) to help ease your levels of stress, sleep better or to build resilience.

The programmes are designed to help you improve and maintain your wellbeing by addressing underlying issues that can have a negative impact on how you would like to live your life and includes:

- Space from COVID-19
- Space for stress
- Space for Mindfulness
- Space for resilience
- Space for sleep

To access the self-help support: <https://GM.silvercloudhealth.com/signup>

CAMHS

CAMHS have designed a collection of downloadable resources for support during this time.

<https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/downloads>

Key Stage Information

- Early Years
Well done to all of the children and their families for all the wonderful work you have completed. Seesaw tasks and paper packs are there to help during this time of home learning but please don't forget that we love to see all of the other fantastic things that you have been doing. Just take a quick photo or video and upload it to your journal; they really do make us all smile. This could be making your own playdough, going on a nature walk, retelling and reading stories, baking, doing jigsaws, singing nursery rhymes, junk modelling with recyclables... the possibilities are endless. But most importantly, stay safe and well and we look forward to hearing from you all soon. Take care, The Early Years Team
- Key Stage One
It has been fantastic to see how well KS1 have settled into the Summer Term of learning on Seesaw. We have seen a whole range of amazing skills on show from fantastic art work to brilliant baking. This term children are also being introduced to French for the first time and have been completing activities set by Mrs Bigne. We know how hard it is balancing work, school and family life at home so we must say a huge well done to parents too. Even if you don't get chance to complete tasks set by teachers on Seesaw, please try to read with your child each night. This could be anything including; oxford owl eBooks, your own books, comics or magazines. Keep up the hard work everyone!
- Lower Key Stage Two
So we are nearing the end of our 6th week away from daily school life and we are all missing class mates and everything that happens each day at school more and more. Many of you are sharing your thoughts and feelings about what's been happening with posters, art work and much more or replying to their messages. Its also been lovely to see how many of you wish each other congratulations after being selected for the weekly shout out certificates. LSK2 continue to show fantastic efforts with their online learning.
Although we are only choosing just one of you each week to congratulate you on the learning and activities you are showing us from home, we are noticing all of you and the effort you are putting in. Well done LKS2!
- Upper Key Stage Two
Years 5 and 6 have been doing some particularly amazing work, it is always the highlight of my day checking on the amazing work and activities the children have been completing on Seesaw, and the highlight of my week is always the Head Teacher Awards!
You are all doing a fantastic job and I know from experience that it is certainly not easy home schooling - especially when you have a million other things to do including your own job.
Please do let us know if you have any issues with the online learning. Thank you and stay safe.

- SEND

Just a few SEN points for this week:

- EHCP Reviews will still go ahead where possible and a new policy (located on the Moorside Website) reflects the situational changes.
- Try to keep to a 'routine' as much as possible as this will help children to anticipate and plan for events which involve them and reduce any anxiety they may be feeling.
- We have lots of resources and guidance available across a variety of concerns; should you need any additional support please contact your class teacher and they will respond accordingly.

Once again I thank you for your continued support. Thank you for keeping your children at home, safe and well. Thank you to the Key Workers who are keeping school informed of when they need to send their children to school and when they are able to keep them at home.

I will be in touch again next Friday, in the meantime please stay safe and stay well.

Yours Sincerely



Mr S Lawler-Smith
Head Teacher