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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Keeping in Touch

This week we have been lucky at least to have some lovely weather, I hope you have been able to enjoy it as much as is possible. We find ourselves in the same situation at the end of this week, as we have the previous weeks, in that we have no more or no new information about when we may return to school. At the moment I know as much as you do regarding the situation. Please know that Moorside Primary School will keep you updated and informed as best we can.

Included with my letter this week you will find an information sheet from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. Please take time to look at the advice they have provided. We have been given lots of advice recently, which can often be confusing and this information may help alleviate any concerns you may have in case your child becomes unwell and it is not linked to Covid-19

As always, please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries or concerns that you feel we are able to help with.

Greater Manchester Bereavement Service

Support is available to anyone bereaved or affected by a death in Greater Manchester, the service is available **Monday to**

Friday (except bank holidays):

- Monday: [9am to 5pm](#)
- Tuesday: [9am to 5pm](#)
- Wednesday: [9am to 8pm](#)
- Thursday: [9am to 5pm](#)
- Friday: [9am to 5pm](#)

To contact: [0161 983 0902](tel:01619830902)

For more information: www.greater-manchester-bereavement-service.org.uk

Beyond

Beyond is a new mental health and wellbeing consortium for Salford. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic the new consortium will provide specific mental health and wellbeing support to the Spirit of Salford Helpline.

To contact: 0800 952 1000

For more information: www.salford.gov.uk/spirtofsalford

Key Stage Information

- **Early Years**

The children have had another busy week and they have been impressing us with all of their hard work at home. Who knew you could make so many wonderful things from a toilet roll tube!?! We wanted to say a huge thank you to you, the adults at home, for everything that you have done. We know first-hand how hard it is juggling everything, especially those working from home. You are all doing amazingly well.

Please remember to read every day where you can, it is so important. Share books together, watch our teachers reading stories and have a look on seesaw for reading tasks that your child may be interested in. Oxford Owl is a fantastic

National Teaching School
designated by



*To go further than we thought possible
To run faster than we hoped
To reach higher than we dreamed
To be the best that we can be*



resource, so please have a look if you haven't managed to yet.
Take care and enjoy the sunshine whilst it lasts, The Early Years Team.

- Key Stage One

We have had another fantastic week of learning in Key Stage One and everyone has been so impressed with both children and parents alike! It is also great to see so many of you enjoying the sunshine; whether that be by drawing shadow puppets, learning how to ride a bike or generally just having fun. Chestnut 1 have been busy making drawings to send to one of our reading volunteers, Ida, and Miss Potts had some exciting news for Ash 3. She is expecting a baby boy! We are so proud of you and all of your home learning. Keep up the amazing work! The Key Stage One Team

- Lower Key Stage Two

Year 3 have been busy online learning this week on some different topics in maths including time and fraction revision. Some children in Sycamore 2 and 3 have taken part in a scavenger hunt around their home. The votes have been counted and verified and the favourite name for our adopted Orang-utans is Bubbles, we're sure the children will see some pictures back in school. Along with year 4 in French this week they've been practising how to say which activities they like and dislike. Also in year 4, they've begun a new maths topic looking at data and graphs as well as enjoying maths questions on Sumdog. They've found out about Mayan houses and begun to see how to use classification tables in science. They've begun to write some really effective acrostic poems all about VE Day this week which we are going to add to the display we've started in our breakout space.

- Upper Key Stage Two

What another fantastic week in terms of work and activities completed on SeeSaw - the children have been excelling themselves in terms of videos, presentations and creativity. This is, of course, a testament to the brilliant work you have been doing with your children in very difficult circumstances. Thank you and Happy VE Day!

- SEND

Salford Families with children & young people with additional needs and disabilities, can now book sessions at Springwood playground. See below on how to do this. It's really good to see families will be able to enjoy the playground in a safe way **FREE OF CHARGE**.

The playground can be booked for 40 minutes use 4pm-6pm weeknights and 9am-4pm Saturdays and half term.

All bookings can be made through Gemma on email address altpro@salford.gov.uk or telephone 0161 686 5240.

The playground will be cleaned between each family. Only one family at a time will be able to access it. It will be locked at all other times.

The playground is for families with children who have a disability and you will need a pass to access the Community Playground, please speak to Gemma about this

Just a few SEN points for this week:

- We are still checking on our pupils on the SEND register weekly and ensuring that they are happy, able to access Seesaw and parents are coping well under the circumstances.
- We have all been reviewing and updating SEND Learning Plans in line with usual practices.
- We have been focusing on individual pupils this week and reviewing their Learning Plan targets.

Please contact our SENDCo – Miss Hawkins if you have any queries or concerns.

As ever your support and understanding in these unprecedented times is greatly appreciated by all staff at Moorside. We all look forward hopefully seeing the whole of our Moorside community back together again as soon as possible, but, only when it is safe for both your children and staff to do so.

I will be in touch again next Friday, in the meantime please stay safe and stay well. Should the Prime Minister make a statement about schools reopening then I will of course be communicating to you all providing you with more details. But, this is only if schools form part of his reversal plan for this current lockdown.

Have a lovely weekend and please stay safe.

Yours Sincerely



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