



Moat Farm Junior School Trust

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November 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are well and keeping safe. Once again we are back in a lock down situation with rising cases. This I know will be placing more challenges on families, especially in the run up to Christmas. Please do contact us if you are finding things difficult in the next few weeks –don't struggle on alone. Although this virus has divided us physically, there is still so much we can do to help each other. Together we will get through this - our school is a great community and we will support one another.

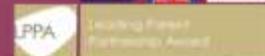
Thank you to all the parents helping with learning at home this week. Wonderful lessons have been taught online with your assistance. Thank you to the fantastic staff that have made this happen. I am so proud of the staff, children and families that have worked together this week and the brilliant attendance for every session. It has been the best thing to have all our children in school today.

Thank you so much to all the parents that are wearing masks on the playground. I think this keeps us all safer and protects the more vulnerable members of our community. In order to protect staff, we will not be having so many members of the leadership Team on the playground before or after school. This is not something that I want to do. I enjoy very much speaking with parents and families but at the moment, we are in a difficult place with staffing and we are now trying to limit all contacts. Please can you also ensure that you do not go into the red box by each classroom door at the start and end of school days. This is to keep you and school staff safe and maintain a 2 metre distance. Obviously there will be times when you need to speak privately to a member of staff. When this is the case, please call the school office and the class teacher will call you back.

As we go through this second lock down period, it is vital that we all follow government guidelines so we can reduce infection rates in our locality. Please do not send your child to school if anyone in your household has COVID symptoms. The symptoms are a high temperature, a persistent cough or changes to the sense of taste and /or smell. When families ignore this and send children to school or come onto the playground despite having had symptoms, it makes bubble closures more likely as well as putting more vulnerable members of our community, both staff and families, at risk. If one person in your household has symptoms, they need to get tested and your whole household needs to self- isolate until a negative test result has been received. Anyone self -isolating must remain at home.

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Finally, although we are all in a difficult place right now with the strong likelihood of things getting worse before they get better, there is light at the end of this tunnel - even if we cannot see it at the moment. Having spoken to many parents this week, I know that a lot of you feel that there is no end in sight and things that we would normally enjoy together have been taken from us. This dark time will pass and we will get through this. I believe we will be in a very different place in the Spring but until then, we need to look after each other, support each other and do everything we can to catch our children up. School remains a wonderful place to be even if it is a little different from how we would normally do things.

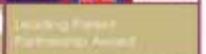
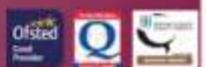
Please do take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Best wishes,

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