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Dear Parents/carers

I am sure you have already seen the announcement from the Secretary of State, with regards COVID-19, that after Friday, schools as providers of education will be closed 'for the foreseeable future'. I am sure you will agree that this is an increasingly worrying time for everyone.

As a school the wellbeing and education of all pupils is paramount to us and although the school will be closed I would like parents/carers to be aware that we want to be able to support you and your family as much as we can. My email address is at the top of this letter and please use this if you need to ask me anything or need further support that you feel we would be able to help you with.

We have provided you with a number of website links for pupils to work on, some of which teachers will be able to monitor and set further challenges. We are aware not all families have access to the internet, and many children like to work form hard copies, therefore we have provided a range of learning tasks and resources including, pencils, books to record in and a number of reading books.

We are working with the Local Authority to ensure families in need of free school meals are able to access these. As well as this we have put together a number of food packages for families that are finding the current situation more challenging than expected.

For pupils in key year groups (Year 2 and Year 6) please be aware all forms of primary assessment, such as SATs, have been cancelled for this year, as have all accountability measures and league tables.

Where possible I will aim to keep everyone up to date through our school website and where possible through the school gates and parent notice board just inside the gates where possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and to thank all of the staff at Moorside for maintaining a positive and supportive learning environment during these challenging times.

On behalf of everyone at Moorside please take care of yourselves and your families. If you have any questions or concerns I will be available throughout the day on Friday.

Yours sincerely

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