



Moorlands Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

As the year draws to a close, I wanted to write to you for your support and forbearance in what has been an extremely unusual year. Since lockdown began in March, we have had to rethink pretty much every aspect of running a school and we have also all had to make some major sacrifices around our own personal liberty and the jobs that we do. Speaking personally, I have had to shield, being classed as extremely vulnerable due to a cocktail of relatively minor conditions on their own, and some medication I have to take for arthritis. I am by no means alone in this and I do not underestimate for one second how much of a challenge this has been for people.

However, as any shielder will tell you, it is being paused on 1st August and we are now making plans for September, full speed ahead. The aim here is to fully reopen, on time, in September, with a host of protocols in place to ensure that the school environment is as safe as can be. We will be publishing a detailed risk assessment for this in the coming weeks, so please do keep an eye out for it. We will place it on our website and will also send you links via facebook and the app. In addition, we will send out a simple document with some key practicalities for September.

Also at this time of year, we have to say goodbye to people. Firstly, we say goodbye to our magnificent Year 6. Nobody could have predicted that this year would turn out as it did and I am so sorry we didn't get the opportunity to take them to Latitude, amongst other things, as part of their activities week. We would also host a Leavers' Barbecue, but, again this has had to be curtailed, so we settled for a Leavers' Assembly over Zoom. Not exactly ideal, but the best we could do under the circumstances.

To those children who will remain with us in September, I want to say we're really looking forward to seeing you back and don't worry, the heart of Moorlands will still be the same. We will help you to get used to new routines and ways of working, we'll be there for you to support you through the coming months and we'll still love reading and all things book related. Our Core Values will remain the same, in fact, they will be even more helpful to you!

We also say goodbye to two members of staff, Mrs Lee and Miss Webber-Walton. Both leave Moorlands with our grateful thanks and warmest wishes for the future. Mrs Lee has worked with us for the last five years and Miss Webber-Walton for two terms, their contribution helped make Moorlands a better place and we are very grateful to both of them.

Finally, I want to say a heartfelt thanks to you, the parents and carers. So many questions and worries went through all of our heads in March, but you have stepped up to the plate magnificently. Strangely, I feel I know a lot of you better now, despite only communicating via social media, than I did before. I have been bowled over by your creativity and resilience in your efforts to home educate your children.

I hope that you all get to enjoy some form of break over the summer and I look forward to seeing the majority of you again in September.

Yours faithfully

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