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Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you for your support, patience, positivity and engagement with us in this extraordinary week. If you are currently home-schooling, I hope that you've got off to a good start with remote learning, we all know how challenging this can be and we will do everything we can to support you with it.

As you will know, we are legally obliged to deliver education to all children over the lockdown, regardless of whether they are in school or not and it is very important to us that we try to make this fair for all. As you will also know, we used SeeSaw and Tapestry throughout the last lockdown and this was largely successful. However, we are aware that there are issues with this for some people. Obviously, the biggest issue is access to technology. We have been provided with 5 laptops by The Government in order to support this and we have allocated these based on the results of the October 2020 technology survey. We are due to receive a further 21 machines but have no idea of timescale for these at the moment. However, we will be sending out a further survey in the next few days to ascertain need. We will do our very best but obviously, demand may well outstrip supply.

We want to ensure that children whether they are in school or not have the same level of access to teachers. Please be aware though that due to the need for several staff to be in school teaching, your child may get a reply from somebody other than your normal class teacher. Our Moorlands Home Learning and Moorlands Chat Facebook groups are a great place for parents and carers to share ideas and ask questions. The strength of our community really shines through on these groups and if you are not currently signed up to them, I urge you to do so.

I need to make you aware of the expectations for the quantity of work that all of the children are given. The Government expects on average 3 hours a day across the primary school cohort and we will be working to these expectations. In addition, we will be working towards some live links, video lesson input and whole school assemblies. Please bear in mind that this is a huge undertaking and it will take us some time to iron out teething troubles and get to full speed.

Once again, we will be providing stationery packs as well as hard copies of work. Please bear with us on this, as logistically, organising the hard copies is tricky. However, we believe we have developed a system that, whilst it will take a few days to get up and running, will work well. In addition, we are currently creating phonics packs for all of our Key Stage 1 and Reception children. When these are ready, we will invite you in to collect them. Please also be on the lookout for a list of resources that you can dip into as and when required. This list is growing daily, with Joe Wicks once again announcing three 20 minute PE lessons a week and the BBC also announcing increased learning content on CBBC.

As I know you understand, our resources are very stretched by the demands that are being placed on us. We will do our very best to ensure that the learning that we provide in school and at home is disrupted as little as possible but please be aware that there will be times when staff are ill or absent.