



Moorlands Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the most extraordinary term that I have ever experienced in my educational career, I wanted to write to you to say thank you and also to provide some updates and reminders about arrangements at school.

Thank You

This term has been an extraordinary one for all of us. Going into another lockdown at the start of term has meant a whole different approach to school for all of us. Our staff worked extremely hard to provide schooling for the vulnerable and the children of our key workers, whilst at the same time providing a home learning offer. Our parents and carers who had their children at home had to become teachers whilst still trying to juggle everything else. To say that we are proud of everybody's efforts is an understatement, we were so impressed by the creativity and resilience shown by the children and their parents and carers in particular. The Friday zoom assemblies became a real highlight for me and I could see clearly what they meant to the children too. Shortly after Easter, we will be holding parent consultations, once again over Zoom, where we can discuss the children's progress and their next steps. As I've said previously, it is important that we take a short, medium and long term view about recovery at school, something that is probably true for society as a whole.

Attendance Update

Since the return to school three weeks ago, attendance is currently running at just over 98%. This is fabulous news and I'd just like to thank you all for your support with this and for the trust that you have placed in us.

Breakfast & After School Club

We are hoping that the breakfast and after school clubs will look more familiar after Easter, we have sent out a separate letter about this, so please watch out for it and read it carefully if you want to make use of this provision.

Clubs

We are hoping to get back to a limited number of additional after school clubs after Easter. Like everything else, this is subject to the Government enabling the roadmap to proceed at the intended pace. These will currently take place in the same bubbles that the children are in during the day. This does mean of course that there is a limit on what we can provide, but we will do our best to get this increased as quickly as we can.

Parking

We've received a small number of complaints about parking around the school at drop off and pick up times. In particular, we have received complaints about parking on the grass in Broom Gardens and a case of inconsiderate driving outside the main gates to the school. Please, if you do drop off and pick up your children in a car, consider our neighbours and take care to drive in a safe and courteous manner.

Maintaining Covid-Secure Measures

Going forward next term, we will be maintaining the same covid-secure systems as we have this term, so all drop off and pick up, lunchtime, staggered breaks and PE arrangements will stay the same. Please ensure that you maintain social distancing rules when dropping off and picking up and continue to use the one way system.

Thank you again for your support over this term, I hope that you all have a good Easter and we look forward to welcoming everybody back on Monday 12th April.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Lee', written in a cursive style.

Kevin Lee
Head Teacher