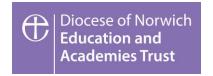


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, what a challenging few weeks it has been for the Moorlands community! We have had significantly higher numbers of COVID cases across the school and an awful lot of children and staff at home isolating. These absences have made 'carrying on as normal' a little challenging to say the least.

However, there is light at the end of the tunnel. New cases are slowing, children are returning and hopefully several members of staff should be back next week. Fingers crossed, touch wood, and anything else you can think of - we are almost there!

You may have seen that the Government have taken the decision to relax restrictions from next week, removing the need for masks etc. I have decided that at Moorlands we will not be following this advice just yet. Due to the high numbers of cases and absence, I have decided that we will continue with all of our precaution measures for another week, before reviewing the numbers again and making further plans.

This means that the following measures will remain in place:

- All staff and visitors to wear masks when moving around the school
- Parents advised to wear masks when dropping off and picking up, especially in crowded areas
- All assemblies virtual to avoid whole school mixing
- Year groups separated out during break times to avoid unnecessary mixing
- Hand washing on a regular basis
- Thorough cleaning in place daily

At the end of next week, we will review the numbers and decide on our next move.

Thank you all very much for your support during this difficult time. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Enjoy your weekend,

Ryan Freeman

Executive Headteacher