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Dear parent/carer,

As you will be aware yesterday evening the Prime Minister announced that we will enter a new COVID19 lockdown period, which came into force at midnight. The Government has issued full Stay at Home guidance, which can be found [here](#).

The immediate impact of this lockdown announcement means that Moreton C of E Primary School will be on remote learning only for the majority of children until February half term. The children of critical workers and vulnerable children may continue to attend onsite, if they cannot stay at home. In light of this announcement and taking on board parent comments, we will be reviewing our remote learning provision. We will be exploring how to best provide some live streaming lessons/interaction for pupils. Some teachers may experiment with this during this week whilst we ascertain the best way to provide for pupils. Please bear with us and be supportive of our teachers during these times.

The PM announced that this year's summer exam series are likely to be cancelled and that the Education Secretary will work with Ofqual to implement an alternative. We do not yet know the details of what this arrangement will be but it is likely that SATs will not be undertaken this year.

Those who are clinically extremely vulnerable have been advised not to attend work or school and to limit the amount of time they spend outside the home. We do have some members of staff who are solely working from home and we continue to pray for them and their families during this time. It is an isolating time for them and we would appreciate your support for them too.

It remains possible for certain households (that meet the [eligibility criteria](#)) can form a support bubble and for households with children under the age of 14 to form a childcare bubble with **one other household**. We would ask that you do not allow your children to have playdates as we can only re-open schools when the rate is low and the virus slows down in its transmission. We must ask you to take on board the measures the government have implemented. The rates in our area increased exponentially in November and December and it was frustrating that some parents were not adhering to guidance.



We will be providing free school meals for those eligible children who are both on-site and also those not on site. This is for those eligible for benefits based FSM not universal free school meals. For the first 2 weeks we will provide food parcels to those parents. If funding arrangements change enabling us to provide vouchers we will update you.

If you are struggling to access technology, please contact us to discuss how we can support you. Work packs will be available on a weekly basis.

As well as ensuring that pupils progress academically, we are also mindful that it is vitally important that we support children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health, as well as all our staff at Moreton. Any advice or support would be appreciated.

Although this announcement was not what any of us wanted to hear, it does at least provide some clarity for the next few weeks; we will be working proactively on our plans for pupils to return when appropriate.

As always we will continue to support you in any way we can so please do contact us.

Stay safe, stay healthy and God bless.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nikki Batt'.

Mrs Nikki Batt
Headteacher