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Dear parent/carer,

Firstly, can I thank you for taking the time to read this letter on New Year's Eve, I hope that you are managing to celebrate in some small way.

We were due to return to school On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 following the Christmas break but as you are aware the government announced yesterday that in order to help contain the community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), some restrictions to primary education settings are required in certain areas. We have now been officially advised that Moreton C of E Primary school is to remain closed to the vast majority of pupils. Please find the relevant information from the government here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-contingency-framework-for-education-and-childcare-settings>

We have sent a letter to all of those who previously advised that they are critical workers regarding childcare during this time. If you are a critical worker and have not received this letter or you are a critical worker of a child in EYFS, please contact us at [covid@moreton.essex.sch.uk](mailto:covid@moreton.essex.sch.uk) and a form will be sent to you for completion. The list of critical workers is available [here](#).

From Monday teachers will continue to provide learning activities for the children to complete via Google Classroom (years 3 – 6) or Seesaw (years EYFS – 2). We have moved to google classroom for those in Key Stage 2 as it is an engaging virtual learning platform enabling children to submit work and interact with their teachers. Details of how to use google classroom is available on the class pages of our new website. If you require a hard pack of work, please contact us using the 'covid' email address.

Despite the very short notice, the teaching staff are doing all that they can to adapt plans and provide activities which are both meaningful and can also reasonably be undertaken at home with minimal access to the resources that we have available to us in school. Every effort is being made to ensure that the tasks and activities supplied will support the children as effectively as possible in learning at a distance.

All classes will hold an initial zoom meeting on Monday and these times will be confirmed over the weekend. We will ensure that they do not overlap. There is an expectation that all children are logged in.

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I will be posting an assembly weekly – maybe more – on our school YouTube page. Teachers will post the link for pupils to access.

Finally, as I previously said even though we are not seeing you every day, we are still here – if you are finding specific aspects of individual activities difficult or require any emotional support, please do get in touch via Class Dojo/Seesaw or email us. I will be at school next week if you would like to call me. This pandemic continues to affect all of us in different ways. As you are aware, I myself have family members who are health care workers (my sister is working her way through administering vaccines), elderly parents and teenage children who are concerned about their education prior to taking important exams. I know only too well the stresses and worry that it can cause particularly in the mental health and wellbeing of children. Please do let me know of any concerns or worries you have – no matter how small; we are here for you.

As a reminder we have set up a prayer chain for anyone who would like prayer either for themselves or a friend/family member, particularly at this time. It includes myself, a few teachers and Rev Albert. All matters will be kept strictly confidential – it may be that you just want to ask for prayer without giving any personal details. Please email any requests to [prayerchain@moreton.essex.sch.uk](mailto:prayerchain@moreton.essex.sch.uk).

We all continue to miss you and your children and we are hopeful that this new vaccine will be rolled out soon. We are looking forward to being able to come back as a school community as soon as is safe to do so.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated staff here at Moreton who are going above and beyond to provide for you and your families. Some of them are either critically vulnerable themselves or live with those who are and we pray that they remain safe. I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Stay safe, stay healthy and God bless.

Yours sincerely

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

Mrs Nikki Batt  
Headteacher