



Moat Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Ref: Coronavirus Letter

We hope that you and your family are safe and well at this difficult time. This is my last letter of the term. It has been an incredibly difficult year for the school, community and city. I would like to thank you, again, for your ongoing support for the school.

I would also like to reassure you that when our students return to school, they will be well cared for in all respects. The school will be safe. Safety will be our paramount concern for staff and students.

We will also help them to catch up on the learning they have missed. We will ensure that they are fully prepared to progress at Moat and to be successful in their GCSE exams.

Recent Events

As you are aware the city has gone back into lockdown, because of a rise in covid infections. The government has decided to introduce a range of measures to ensure that the rate of infection drops. I urge you to speak to your sons and daughters and ensure they understand the measures and the need to comply with them. In particular students should stay at home as much as possible and ensure that they wash their hands frequently. At the end of this letter I have included some guidance from the Local Authority on safety measures.





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Summer Holiday Work

Given the extraordinary circumstances this year, we will be setting all students a significant amount of summer holiday work. This is to ensure that they can start the process of catching up for the learning time they have lost.

Year 7 and 8 will be set their work online, before the end of term on 10th July.

Year 9 and 10 will be issued with a pack of GCSE preparation work as well as some on-line work. The packs have been prepared but will not be issued until the Leicester lockdown is over. The packs will have to be picked up from school by a parent or another responsible adult. The students should not come to school. We will contact you over the summer holiday with the date/time that the packs can be collected

I ask that you support us in ensuring that students complete this work over the summer.

Contacting the School Over the Summer

If you need to contact the school over the summer please use our office email address: office@moat.leicester.sch.uk. This email address will be monitored daily and we will respond to all concerns.

Next Year

We have now received the government guidance on the reopening of schools. The intention is that all students will return to school full time for the beginning of next term.

The start of next term is Wednesday 26th August. However, we do not yet have a detailed plan on how the return to school will be organised and we may need to have a phased reopening. I will contact you over the summer with the exact date and time that students will be expected in school. Please ensure that you are looking out for messages and letters from the school. We will also post details on our website.





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If you have any concerns or questions as we start to communicate our future plans, please contact the school office.

I hope that you and your families have a safe and peaceful summer. We will continue to hope for and work towards a return to normality

Yours sincerely

Mr B Killeen
Principal

Key Communication Messages from the Local Authority

In order to suppress transmission and bring infection rates down we are asking you to:

- Self isolate and get tested if they start to display symptoms of coronavirus, or live with someone who does; isolate at home until they receive the test result. Individuals and households should follow the self-isolation guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection**
- If the test result is positive, they should isolate at home for 7 days and members of their household should isolate for 14 days**





- **Stay at home as much as possible, leaving only for work, daily exercise or essentials (e.g. food shopping, caring for others).**
- **Avoid non-essential travel to, from and within Leicester**
- **Wash their hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry them thoroughly, or use hand sanitiser**
- **Where available, use sanitiser outside your home, especially as you enter a building and after you have had contact with surfaces. Avoid touching your face**
- **Continue to shield if they have been doing so**
- **Maintain 2 metres (3 steps) social distancing at all times**
- **Strictly limit their contact with other people from outside of their household**
- **Follow strict social distancing guidelines of (*at least?*) 2m if you meet as a group of up to 6 people and only outdoors, do not meet in other people's homes**
- **Wear a face covering on public transport and when visiting hospitals, or where social distancing is difficult such as enclosed public spaces or where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet (e.g. in shops).**

Important Additional Information

Anyone with symptoms of coronavirus, however mild, (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste(anosmia)) must stay at home and book a test www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.



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We have a number of testing sites in Leicester including a drive-in unit at Evington Leisure Centre and Victoria Park car park, Highfields Centre and a walk-in unit in Spinney Hills Park, permanent drive-in test facility is available at the Birstall Park and Ride site.

If you have a positive test result you need to stay at home for at least 7 days from when your symptoms started (longer if you still have symptoms). People in your household need to stay at home for 14 days if they remain well. If they start showing symptoms during the 14 days, they must stay at home for at least 7 days from the day when their symptoms started. Self and household isolation is very important and will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection that people in your household could pass on to others in the community. It is important that you read the stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection and follow it closely.

You must wear a face covering on public transport and when attending hospitals. You should also wear a face covering in other enclosed public spaces where social distancing isn't possible and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet (e.g. in shops).

Young people could pass the virus on to elderly or vulnerable members of their families – and the consequences for older people could be much more serious. It is especially important at this time that people do not visit parents and grandparents.

