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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family are safe and well.

I am aware that the vaccination programme has been going well in the community and I do hope that your vulnerable family members are starting to get vaccinated.

Remote Learning

I would like to thank you for all the support you are giving us, to ensure that our remote learning is a success. I recognise how difficult it is for families at present. You are doing a marvellous job!

Attendance at our 'live lessons' has been excellent and I would like to pay tribute to all of the Moat staff involved in the delivery of these lessons. We are currently contacting parents if there are issues with students attending their lessons. This is so students do not fall behind with their learning during the closure period.

There are a couple of suggestions below for you to support your children with their remote learning:

- Ensure that they are on time for their first lesson at 9am.
- Remind them to take breaks from the screen at breaktime and lunchtime. They should move around and try to get some fresh air.
- Remind them to take exercise as much as possible; go for a run or a walk. This is vital for their mental and physical health.
- Ensure that they are going to bed at a reasonable time. Getting 8 to 9 hours sleep is vital for good mental health.

Return to School

This week the government announced Monday 8th March as the earliest possible date that students will return to school. We will continue to monitor the situation, and as soon as we have any certainty about a return to school; I will contact you and let you know the arrangements. It goes without saying that we are desperate to reopen the school as soon as possible.





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Covid Testing

When students return to school, they will be offered a covid test. The test we will be offering is the Lateral Flow Test, which gives a result in 30 minutes. The tests are not mandatory and we are asking for your consent, for your sons/daughters to take part. The test involves a throat and nose swab which is self-administered by the student. You will receive a separate communication over the next few days concerning testing. This will contain full details of the testing process and a link to the consent form. If you would like your son/daughter to take part, we will need parents to fill in the online consent form.

I do urge you to consent to your sons/daughters taking the test. If we can identify students who are asymptomatic and they do not come into school, it keeps us all safer. It also allows you to take appropriate action at home to keep your family safe.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to our students who have shown such resilience and bravery over the last year or so. They are a credit to the school and their families.

Thank you as always, for your ongoing support in such difficult times. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school, via the Main Office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr B Killeen
Principal

