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Dear Parent/Carer,

Ref: Spring Term Letter 2

We are the end of a busy half term, and I would like to thank you for your continued support. The school has started to feel more normal again as covid measures are relaxed. However, we still have a number of staff and students who have tested positive in recent days. We will continue to be vigilant and reintroduce protective measures if this proves necessary.

Covid Measures

After half term we will return to holding face to face assemblies and allowing trips to go out of school. We will continue to sanitise hands as students go into classrooms. Students can also continue to wear masks if they want to do so.

Attendance

Our current attendance for the academic year 2021/22 is 93%. While this is lower than attendances pre-covid, it is well above average attendance nationally. Good attendance is vital for success in all areas of school life, including academic performance. I ask you all to ensure that your children attend school at all times, unless absence is absolutely unavoidable.

Year 11 Mocks

We are very pleased with the current performance of our year 11 students. They are working hard to prepare for their exams in May/June. As part of this preparation, they will be taking part in a second set of mock exams between 9th March and the 18th March. We wish them luck.

Car Parking Levy

You may be aware that the City Council is going to introduce a levy on employers' parking spaces. They will charge us approximately £530 per year for each of our parking spaces. The total cost to the school will be approximately £50,000.





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This puts the school in a very difficult position. We will either have to pass this charge onto our staff. This effectively cuts staff pay by £530 per year if they use our car park. This will impact on our ability to recruit and retain staff. The other alternative is that we pay the charge out of our budget. This will result in the school having less money to spend to support our students; for example, we might have to employ less teachers.

I am asking for your support in challenging this proposal. The City Council is currently consulting on the idea. At the end of this letter, I have put a link to the consultation and some suggested text, which can be copy and pasted into the consultation. When you follow the link, there is a box to make a 'quick comment'. The text can be copied into that box.

Thank you in advance for your continued support to our school. The more parents that respond to the consultation; the more chance we will have of overturning the proposal. Please contact me at school if you have any questions or concerns.

We would like to send our best wishes to you and your families. We hope that you have a relaxing half term.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Killeen
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The link to the consultation is:

[Workplace Parking Levy Consultation](#)

Suggested Text to Paste into the Quick Comments Box

I am a parent whose children attend Moat Community College. The Parking Levy places the school in an impossible position.

If they pass the charge onto their staff, it will certainly impact on recruitment. It is already difficult to recruit both teachers and support staff. It is very clear that teachers/support staff will not work at Moat if they can earn more money for the same role in the county or in other cities. The Parking Levy will make Leicester a less attractive city in which to work for teachers and support staff.

If Moat pays the Parking Levy out of its existing budget it will cost in excess of £50,000 per year. The funding was designated for the education of Moat students.

If they have to make either of these two choices, they will damage the education of my children and the other children at the school. I believe that schools should not have to pay the Parking Levy.