

MOAT HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

URGENT PLEA TO PARENTS

As you know, school is closed to pupils to reduce transmission of the virus but remains open to vulnerable children and children of keyworkers ONLY. We are continuing to maintain all the procedures put in place last March in order to keep everyone as safe as possible. However, it is apparent that the number of children currently present in school is much higher than the previous lockdown and so this is increasing the amount of contacts that our families currently have.

National restrictions mean everyone who can stay at home should stay at home and avoid contact with others as much as possible. As a community, we are all trying to do our best to reduce transmission of the virus and save lives. The Department of Education has now updated its guidance for critical workers and whilst their children can go to school if required, they advise that parents should keep their children at home if they can.

We will, of course, continue to work with families to ensure all children of critical workers can come to school if parents have no alternative provision. However, we want to ensure there is space for all those children whose parents have vital roles in actively helping to fight the pandemic and respond to the most urgent need.

In order to stay safe with this new variant, we also want to reduce the amount of people the children come into contact with at school. Even though the children are in bubbles, the size of the bubbles is increasing daily and unfortunately we have already had to close one bubble because of a positive test. It is also more difficult in pre-school to maintain social distancing, so if we can reduce the number of children attending each day this will further reduce the risk of transmission to others.

So, please consider the spirit of the lockdown and identify if it is absolutely necessary for your child to attend school or are you able to keep your child at home? If you are keyworker and working from home, or if there is another adult in the household who is not a critical worker, we expect your child to access remote learning from home.

Please review your own personal situation and reduce your need if you can and let us know on enquiries@moathall.staffs.sch.uk. This will enable school to continue to provide a safe and important service for all those keyworkers who are critical to the coronavirus response as well as reducing the contact that our families have with each other.

Thank you for your honesty and support.

Jane King

Head Teacher

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME IF YOU CAN.

STAY AT HOME

PROTECT THE NHS

SAVE LIVES