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Moorfield News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend. Apologies my newsletter is coming to you on a Monday as oppose to the usual Friday—it was quite a week!

I would like to thank you for your continued patience and understanding last week as we welcomed key worker children back. It has been wonderful to see some of our children return, however I do fully appreciate the frustration and disappointment many of you are feeling. As a parent myself I can empathise with you as I am going through the same challenges with one of my children returning to school this week whilst the others are still learning from home.

We will continue to evaluate our current provision and look for ways to bring more children back in the near future. We are however, in a position where we are now full in Year 6 and any children wishing to return in the future will have to go on a waiting list.

As we begin this transition, it has been sensible to review our approach to home learning and in particular the issue of contact. I am aware that some parents are suggesting we use platforms such as Zoom and Microsoft teams to deliver live lessons to the children and whilst I appreciate the sentiment behind this, we will not be using these platforms in the near future. There are some significant barriers to using live lesson platforms, the key being the safeguarding concerns it presents. Stockport Local Authority Safeguarding team is currently looking at this and we await their guidance as there have been incidents of meetings being hacked. Another concern is the issue of engagement and access for all of our children. It would be unfair for one group to get something we could not roll out to all the other groups who are not in school.

There is also the additional work load it would place on my colleagues. Most teachers are back in school and are working tirelessly to support those at school, as well as continuing to plan learning for those at home and answer any questions or queries parents or children have. The vast majority of the parent feedback on our approach to home learning has been very positive so we will continue providing the same format and content. This will be taught to those children who have returned to school or are working at home.

Thank you to those who have returned the School Community Agreement. Could all parents and carers of children returning to school please sign the agreement and preferably return by email. However, we will accept a signed paper copy if an email is not possible.

And finally..... We are aware that some children and families from our school community have been mixing with each other over the weekend and we ask you to please think carefully about visiting other households as this time. We are working hard to keep children in specific bubbles to minimise the risk of contracting or spreading the virus, and if this isn't being adhered to outside of school the increased risk is obvious to see. I appreciate we all want our lives to go back to normal sooner rather than later but following the current phase of the governments lockdown guidance is still a requirement at this time.

Best wishes,

Mr Anderson

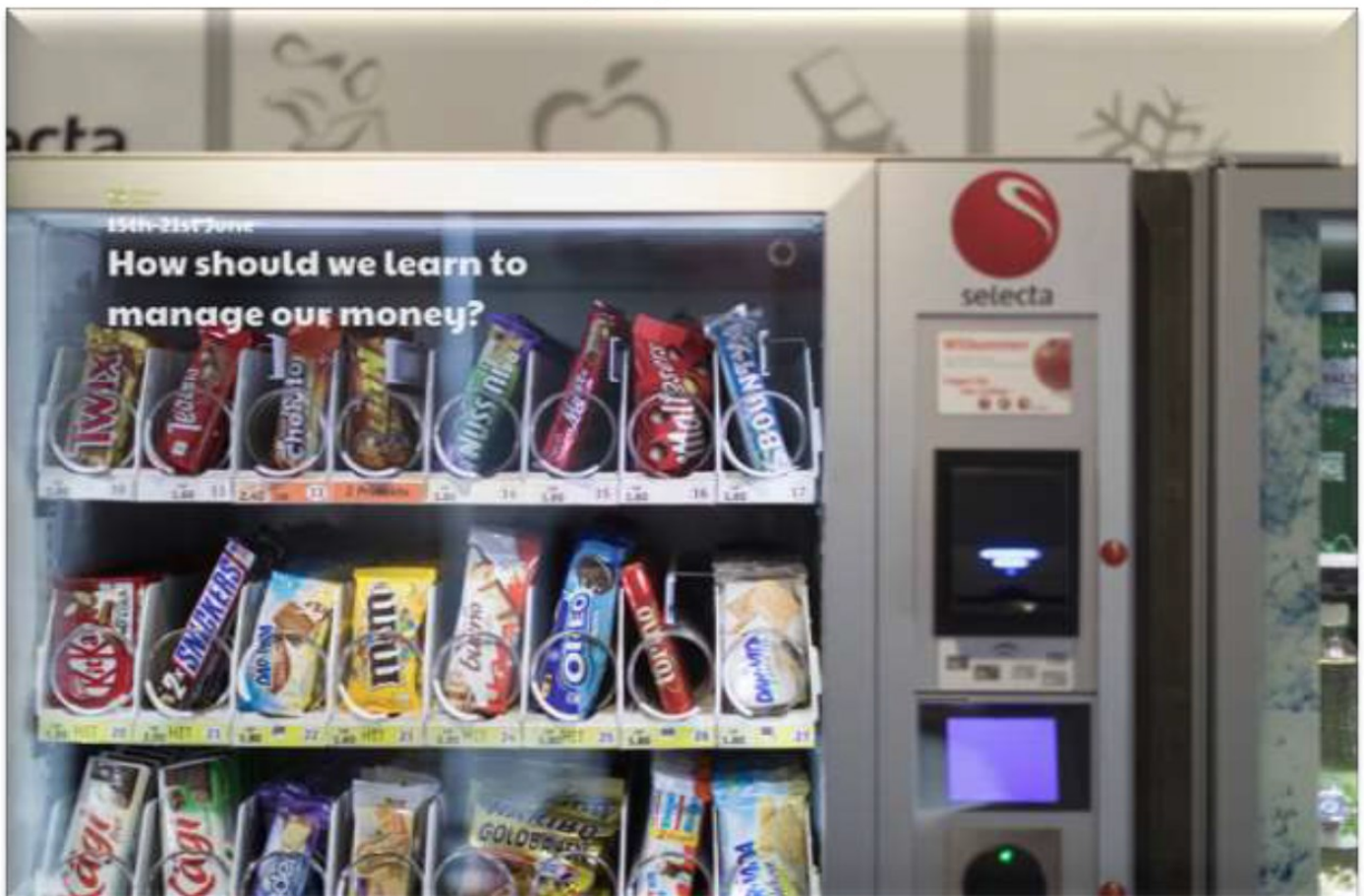


Picture News

at Home

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What's going on this week?



A mother from Northumberland recently spent £100 on a second-hand vending machine to provide an opportunity for her children to learn about money after tiring of them arguing over snacks and other items during lockdown. Mother of four, Sarah Balsdon, was getting so fed up with her children's constant arguments she and her husband, Kyle, came up with the idea to provide them in a limited and controlled way, whilst helping the children learn how to manage money.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🧑‍🎓 Have you received pocket money before, or do you receive it now?
- 🧑‍🎓 Do you think the idea of getting pocket money is a good one? Why?
- 🧑‍🎓 What age do you think children should start receiving pocket money?
- 🧑‍🎓 Can you think of other ways that you can learn about money?