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Dear Parents and Carers,

Remote Learning 21st/22nd December

We have made it to the end of the autumn term and I'm sure we are all looking forward to the break. I hope you've had the time to look at the remote learning pack that teachers have put on their class VLE/Dojo and I sent it out with a covering letter on Wednesday. I'm sure your child/ren will have a great time completing the activities on Monday and Tuesday next week. Class teachers will be available via their online platform if you have any questions relating to the learning over these two days.

Thank you

I would like to thank the school staff and children for their hard work and achievements so far this year. They have done all they can to maintain 'business as usual' throughout the autumn term. The children have demonstrated amazing resilience during the last few months and I am extremely proud of the way they have adapted to their new routines. The staff have shown amazing dedication and commitment and have gone above and beyond to ensure the highest quality learning for your children under what are extremely challenging circumstances.

Covid-19 Track and Trace

The school will be required to 'track and trace' close contacts of any positive Covid-19 cases up to and including Thursday 24th December. The DfE have asked that school leaders undertake a daily check until 12 noon on Christmas Eve. If your child receives a positive test result between the close of school on Friday 18th December and midday on Christmas Eve then please let us know by emailing the following address—
admin@moorfield.stockport.sch.uk

In your email communication, please provide us with the following information:

- Name of your child
- Class
- Date of onset of symptoms
- Date of test
- Date of test result
- Outside of their class bubble any pupils or adults they can remember coming into contact with in school, to and from school and during break and lunchtimes

You can also contact the school office by phone between the hours of 9am and 3pm on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December.

The self isolation period has now reduced from 14 days to 10 days. This diagram shows this 10 day process.





Support for Families in Need over the Winter Period

It has been agreed that over the Winter Period, families across Stockport will receive support from the Council for the cost of their food and utility bills this Christmas.

Families who are eligible for income-based Free School Meals, will receive a £30 voucher, (£15 per week) per eligible child to help with the costs of food, utilities and other essentials this winter. A second payment will follow in the New Year.

Eligible families do not need to apply. The Council is working with Stockport schools and colleges to identify the vulnerable families in need of support and will issue vouchers directly. The vouchers will be sent directly to families in the coming weeks via email. Those families without email access will receive their vouchers by post.

Vouchers will be issued to eligible families via PayPoint to the email address we hold for the family. An email outlining the offer was sent from the Council to eligible families this week.

This was followed by a second email later this week from PayPoint. The email from PayPoint will include a barcode or voucher number which needs to be presented to a cashier at one of the many PayPoint outlets across the borough. A full list can be found by using the search function on the PayPoint website (<https://consumer.paypoint.com/>). Upon presenting the voucher, the cashier will provide the appropriate cash value. Please note that the vouchers must be redeemed within 21 days.

Please can I remind you, if your child receives universal FSM, (Reception, year 1 and year 2) but as a family you are also eligible for benefit related FSM and have not completed the application process, please can you do so <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Information and contact details will be sent out with the vouchers if parents/ carers have any queries or require additional support.

In the meantime families can contact the Coronavirus Welfare Line on 0161 217 6046.

Christmas under Covid restrictions

The Christmas holiday will be a rare opportunity to spend time with loved ones. If you are planning for Christmas it's important to think about what you do before, during and after the 5-day Christmas period to ensure everyone can return safely to school in the new year.

Although we are allowed to meet loved ones and friends in a Christmas bubble of up to three households over five days, we all have to make difficult decisions about whether it is wise to meet up, especially with those who are older, or in vulnerable groups.

Late December and early January may be a period of higher risk for increased virus spread. Take extra care to reduce your contacts before returning to school and work, especially if you have enjoyed seeing friends and family over Christmas.

I hope you all have a great break and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year. **We start the spring term on Thursday 7th January.**

Best wishes,

Paul Anderson
Headteacher