



Tuesday 7th April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

First of all I want to say a huge thank you to all the staff, our wonderful team at Great Moor Infant School who have all acted with speed, professionalism and wisdom over the last couple of weeks to ensure the very best for the children. Whether they have been thoroughly cleaning in school, emailing families regarding provision, working with children still attending or planning Home Learning each and every person has played their part.

I want to thank our families and all our wider community for your support in these challenging times. Thank you for respecting the view that, wherever possible, children should be cared for at home. This is the view of central government. We also appreciate that you have avoided contacting school unless the matter has been urgent. We have received kind and positive comments from parents, feedback regarding the Home Learning including ideas on moving forward. Please be assured that we do always reflect upon your thoughts.

We are fortunate at Great Moor Infant School as we have school governors supporting us via emails or telephone calls. This is positive for one and all.

I want to reassure you that we have worked closely in partnership with Stockport Local Authority, following guidance from central government. We are in line with other local schools and settings in our response to this unprecedented situation.

Our focus in school has been on ensuring that the particular groups of pupils, such as children of key workers are cared for in our school. Children attending school are few in number. They have been engaged in a variety of provision led by a small number of school staff attending on a rota. We have worked in partnership with the junior school where ever possible. This has not been 'schooling' but high quality child care provision.

Parents/Carers will all have been able to access the Home Learning provision with their children on the GMCIS website. I am certain that families will also have seen the fantastic phonics work that Miss May has done to support learning on YouTube. You will also find Miss Wilkinson 'At Home with Pat and Sam!'

When working remotely from home staff have been focusing hard over the last two weeks on updating and preparing new resources for after the Easter holiday. We are constantly reflecting upon this provision, exploring other options and thinking about how we can further develop learning opportunities moving forward.

Typically at the end of the spring- term, after participating in lots of spring related activities and celebrations in school we would all be taking a well- deserved rest over the Easter break. Sadly this year, this has not been the case. Our staff continue to work in school doing their very best to support all 'key worker' families.

Over the coming weeks we will continue to do the very best we can to support your children. Please be assured that as the requirements of our school community become clearer we will endeavour to respond with all the resources we have available, in the best way we can. For example, school leaders are considering the logistics of Parent/Teacher interviews taking place over the telephone. Further information regarding this will follow in the summer term. There will also be an Annual Report to Parents at the end of the year.

Clearly there is currently no indication or suggested dates for schools to re-open. I wish you all the very best and hope to see you soon.

Kindest wishes and stay safe,

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