

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parent,

School Closure

Due to the outbreak of coronavirus, school will **close at 3.15 today** for the foreseeable future. In effect, Moss Side Primary School will move 'online' and staff will be working to develop ways to support your child's learning from home over the coming months. They should have brought home, this week, paper and pencils to support their learning, as well as some logins for websites such as Purple Mash, to support their learning.

Via ParentPay emails, home learning plans will be distributed in four different age categories. These are to give you some suggestions of things to do with your children while they are at home. If there are any issues linked to logins etc please email bursar@mosside.lancs.sch.uk and we will endeavour to deal with problems. Please bear with us as this may take some time at present, due to the unprecedented workload.

Communication

During what increasingly looks like a period of isolation, electronic communication will become even more important. If you have not done so already, you must **sign up to Parent Pay** and it would be prudent to **follow @mossideprimary** on Twitter. There has been regular communication this week and will continue to be so during the closure.

Should any families feel that they are beginning to struggle, for whatever reason over this period or anybody has safeguarding concerns linked to our pupils, Karen will continue to be available during the closure (07720 606457) via text or telephone.

Childcare Procedures

For any parents asking about the availability of Childcare for key workers, there is information available on ParentPay/email.

This will only be for those with no other alternatives and all forms must be completed by 8.00AM Saturday **at the latest** for core requirements next week.

We will contact parents to confirm if their child qualifies, today or tomorrow.

This is likely to be the last Friday newsletter for a considerable period of time.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the magnificent staff who work here; they have put their own concerns aside over the past few weeks, performing their civic duties by focussing on keeping pupils calm and providing formal education for as long as possible. The support of so many parents, with words of encouragement and offers of help, are priceless. Thank you.

We now appear to be on the cusp of a period of time where we are all being asked to show great restraint and responsibility in order to overcome the current global crisis. It is important that self-interests are put to one side and we support each other as much as we can. I know that Moss Siders have the resilience and selflessness to be able to achieve what we all want; rest assured that, although the school may not be present in the normal form, staff will continue to work hard to serve the community we care so much about.

It is sad to close the doors to school today, albeit temporarily, but we can look forward to the joyous moment when we can return.

I hope that our pupils and their families stay safe and look after one another over the next few weeks.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Wright (Headteacher)

Stars of the Week	
Mrs Swift	Alfie Sherlock for always giving 100% and wanting to help.
Mrs Dunwell	Lucas Bamber for always trying hard with his work.
Mr Gilyead	Ivan Neale for working hard at everything we do.
Mrs Simpkins	Finley Wright for great story writing 'A Day in the Life of Me'!
Mrs Dunne	Seth Bates for working so hard in maths and helping Rylie Fortin
Mr Kellett	Sophia Holden for super enthusiastic slug handling on the bug hunt!
Miss Thomas	Jamie Meehan for a super 'Holes' chapter and brightening my day with a fact of the day....every day!
Mrs Torbett	Ebony Cooney for working hard on her 'Highwayman' poem.
Silver Leaf: Respect for Others - Amber Clews-Ashworth for helping classmates with their money work. Respect for everything - The staff of Moss Side. For carrying on in this challenging time.	