



Moorlands Primary School

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Dear Parent and Carers,

We hope you are all well and have settled into a routine at home. Thank you to everyone who has contacted their class teacher to share work that their children are getting up to at home, like Tom's fantastic Viking ship shown here. If you have given permission, we are trying to add some of the wonderful work onto Twitter. You can also tag us into pictures, directly onto Twitter by tagging us in your Tweets @MoorlandsHudds.



Emailing Your Teacher



If you have emailed your teacher, and they haven't yet replied, they will do. As you can imagine they are incredibly busy setting work, coming into school to support the children of

the critical workers as well as home schooling their own children, but they do want to hear from you. If you haven't emailed your teacher, they would love to hear from you, even if it is just a 'hello, everything is going well'.

Easter Holidays

Thank you to everyone who has been trying very hard to get their children to complete work set on the home learning hub of our website.

<https://www.moorlandsprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning+Hub&pid=71>.

Many of us have children of our own and know from first-hand experience how challenging it can be to get the children to complete tasks, whilst parents are trying to work from home or go to work.



Over Easter there will be no work set, but there may be ideas for fun activities to complete. We would still love to see what you get up to over the Easter break on our Twitter page. @MoorlandsHudds. Teachers will also be trying to have a well-earned break when not working in school, so will not be replying to emails during this time. If you urgently need to contact school over this time, please phone or contact the office email address.

We hope you have received our Home Learning Update letter via email this morning to let you know when updates will take place **after** Easter.



Free School Meal Vouchers

As you may have heard on the news this week, the Government is introducing a voucher scheme for families who are entitled to **Statutory Free School Meals**. We have now received details of how to apply for these vouchers and we will be contacting the families concerned by e-mail.

Universal Free Meals

All Reception and KS1 children across the country receive a free school meal. This is called a **Universal Free School Meal** and is **not** the same as Statutory Free School Meals, which are given to those children whose parents have made a successful application to Kirklees Council for Statutory Free School Meals. Universal Free School Meal entitlement ends at the end of Year 2 but Statutory Free School Meal entitlement carries on unless the recipient's financial circumstances change.

Applying To Kirklees Council For Free School Meals

Over the past few weeks, many of our families' financial circumstances may have changed. If you are in receipt of any of the following you may be eligible for Statutory Free School Meals and therefore would be able to access government funded vouchers.

Parents or carers receive one or more of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, but are not entitled to a Working Tax Credit and your annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) is less than £16,190
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

To apply follow the link and complete the details below

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx>

School Places for Children Whose Parents Are Both Critical Key Workers

As you may know the Government has asked schools to remain open for children whose parents are both Critical Workers in the fight against Covid-19. These are emergency places for families who can find no alternative childcare

Over Easter school will open, apart from the two Banks Holidays.

Blue forms to book places during this time have been sent out, so we can work out a staffing rota. If you returned a blue booking sheet, you will receive a confirmation of a place by Friday this week. If you have not booked into school over the Easter holiday, do not just turn up at school, as we will not have enough staff to allow your child to enter the building.



The school kitchen will be closed throughout the Easter break, so children coming into school must bring a packed lunch and any snack they require.

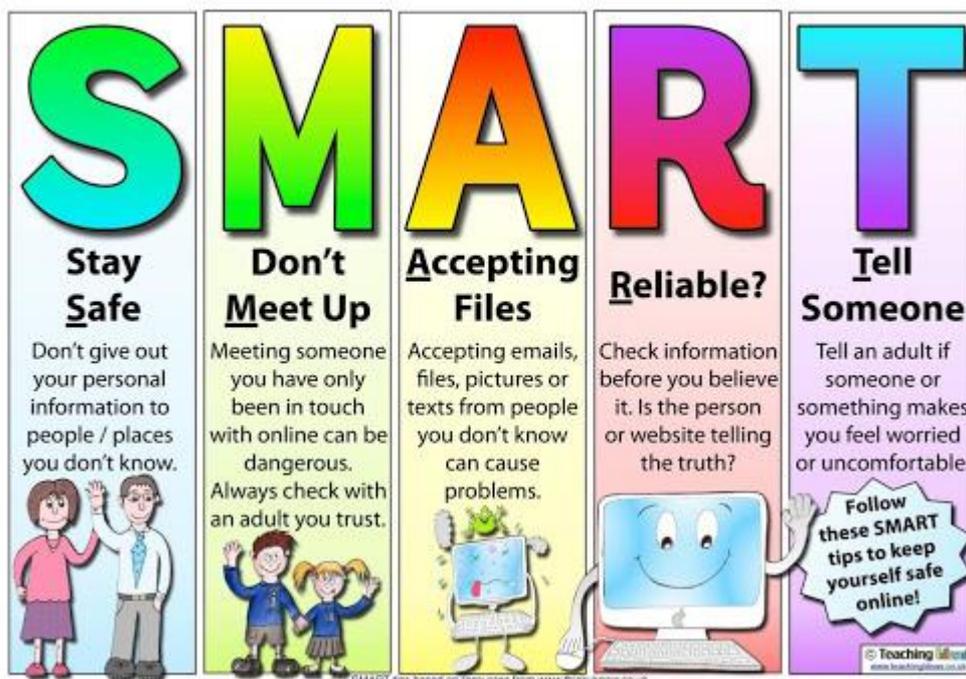
Green booking forms for after Easter have also been sent out. Again, can we remind you that this is **emergency** childcare for children whose parents are BOTH critical workers. We may be again asking to see ID from both parents and may need employers contact details, to confirm working hours.

Keeping children safe online

There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

- [Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- [Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Net-aware](#) (support for parents and careers from the NSPCC)

Google have also released this as part of their 'Be Legends' work where you have to play a game/solve problems about e-safety issues: https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/interland/kind-kingdom



You can also find a link for an Online Family Agreement and age-related Internet Safety videos on our Home Learning Hub main page.

Refunds and Rearrangements for Clubs and Trips

As you can imagine, trying to rearrange events that have had to be cancelled, due to the school closure has been rather challenging. Some events and activities that were due to take place will be rescheduled and once we know the details of these we will let you know. Monies paid for any activities and events that can be rescheduled, will be transferred to pay for the rescheduled event. This will **hopefully** include the summer club programme, milk and snack payments which will move to the Autumn term, and the Robinwood residential. We will start to refund year 6 parents for the Langdale YHA residential shortly, which sadly cannot be rearranged.



Don't forget about our tips for surviving school closure on last week's newsletter.

Take care everyone, look after each other and look out of your neighbours and the vulnerable in your community. We are looking forward to seeing what you get up to over Easter.

Best wishes

Everyone at Moorlands