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Dear Parents/Carers

As you may have already heard, the Government announced this evening the start of another national lockdown, including the temporary closure of schools for most pupils, until at least February half term.

For us at Mason Moor Primary School, we will continue with everything that has already been set up for Monday - Wednesday this week. All critical workers who filled in the Google form yesterday were informed of the school's decision, and many children took up these places today. If, following today's announcement, you feel that you would now like to complete one of these forms, you will be invited to do so tomorrow for a starting date of Thursday 7th January 2021. A new form will also be sent out for all those already completed to book in for future dates.

Parents / Carers of children who are in other eligible categories, including EHCP, looked after and vulnerable have either already been contacted, or will be in the next two days, to organise whether these children will be offered places in school.

Places for critical workers and vulnerable children must be kept to an absolute minimum to ensure that the lockdown is effective and social distancing is adhered to. This may mean that not all children whose parents / carers wish them to be in school, will be offered a place. I thank you in advance for your understanding on this matter as some very difficult decisions will need to take place.

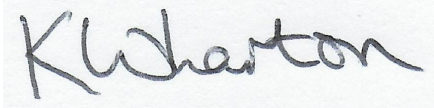
The government has set out expectations for all primary schools to offer 3 hours of remote learning for children per day. At Mason Moor Primary, we have our own expectation of 4 hours as this is much closer to what our children would receive if they were in school. This learning will take place as live lessons, using Google Meet, with work to support the learning on Google Classroom. We have experimented with what works best for our children when bubbles have had to self-isolate in the past and have found that children are much more engaged and the learning is more effective when the teacher is live and interacting with the children. It is also great to see the smiles of the children's faces. It also means that the children are able to see and interact with their friends and classmates.

Everyone should have received their child's individual login details to gain access to their Google Classroom. If you do not have this, please contact the school office either over the phone or by email tomorrow. Once you are in the classroom, there is a link to the Google Meet that will be used for the live lessons.

Google Classroom and Google Meet works on most devices and mobile phones. If you are having problems, please contact the school office.

There is an expectation that ALL pupils access their learning on a daily basis. We will take registers daily and contact parents and carers where this is not happening. We may also contact our Educational Welfare Officer if attendance at the live lessons is deemed unsatisfactory. Please contact us if your child is poorly and unable to attend the lessons.

We look forward to seeing all the children on screen very soon. Keep well and stay safe

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background, reading "K Wharton".

Kristy Wharton
Headteacher

