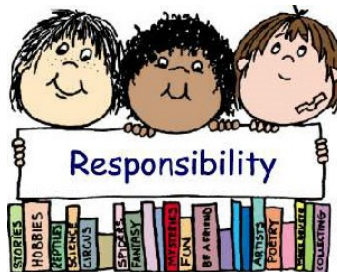




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Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you and your children are all keeping safe and well!

Well I have to say, this what not the way that I planned to start the new year. I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding last week as we adapted and implemented the new education provision for your children.

I want to personally thank you all for the support you have shown our Moss Lane Team whilst we have made all the changes needed since the 30th December. In everything we have done, we have had our children and community at the heart of all our decisions.

As a parent myself, I appreciate how daunting it can be to be responsible for supporting your child through remote learning and balancing work commitments. We do feel it is important for your child to engage with the remote learning as it will benefit them on their return to school. We know that many of you at home have already supported your child to access the remote learning videos and lessons which are up and running. If you have any difficulty accessing these resources or any questions relating to the home learning provision, please contact the teachers via their email addresses.

If you need to contact members of staff please do so via their class emails. Staff are teaching every day so will endeavour to respond as soon as they are able to outside of teaching times. If you do not get a response within 2 working days then please contact the school office.

If you have an immediate question, please contact the office directly and we will put you in contact with the relevant staff member. If you need to speak to myself please email info@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk and the office will get a message to me.

We know that the next few weeks will be challenging for everyone. However, whether your child is in school because you are a critical key worker or because they are a vulnerable child or whether your child is learning at home, the Moss Lane Team are working extremely hard to support every child in the best way possible.

In the meantime, if your child is attending our provision in school and is absent through illness or because your arrangements have changed, please do report absences in the usual way by calling the school office before the start of the school day. For safeguarding reasons we do need to account for absences where we are expecting children in school.

Thank for to all the parents who have sent in positive messages. Myself and the staff really appreciate these during these difficult times.

With very best wishes from me and the whole Moss Lane Team.



Remote Learning



Our remote learning is now up and running and is all on the class Eschools pages for all those children currently learning from home. We want to reassure you again that we know that every family's situation will be different. As such, there is no strict expectation on how much of the home learning provided you should complete. Above all, we want to ensure that the children's mental wellbeing is supported at this time. For some children, this will be by keeping busy with lots of learning activities. For others a more gentle approach will be necessary.

You will know best what will meet your child's needs. There are 2 daily teacher zooms and an optional session run by our learning support staff. For most of our sessions, the teacher will demonstrate a skill or concept. The lesson will then be followed by tasks for children to complete during the day.

If you have specific difficulties regarding access to the internet, electronic devices or other resources you require to complete home learning, please let us know and your class teacher will work with you to find a solution to enable your child to access learning at home.

If possible can you show your child how to mute and unmute themselves during zoom calls. To also promote children's independence, parents don't have to sit or stay with their child during their class teacher zoom calls.

Class up dates

Whilst we are in lock down class teachers will be updating their eSchools page so please check these on a regular basis. They will have pictures and other information about each class on there rather than in the newsletter.

A message from Karen Sutton our HSLW and Jo Fulterer our Senco



We hope you are all staying safe and well. We wanted you all to know that the Pastoral Team here at Moss Lane are still here ready to support you with any difficulties you and your family may be experiencing during these unusual times. We may be able to offer you some advice, put you in touch with other professionals who can help you, or help by working with your child in school, so please do get in touch with us through the school office if you would like talk through any worries or concerns. Sometimes just talking about things helps.

Jo Fulterer: senco@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk

Karen Sutton: ksutton@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk

Support Links

If you are struggling to access the internet you can get help via this link
<https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about-increasing-mobile-data>

Call for Advice Citizen Advice

Adviceline: 0808 2787 980 (freephone number)

Open :Monday to Friday 10:00 – 16:00

If you are struggling there is support available

Samaritans – 116 123

CALM – 0800 58 58 58

Young Minds – 0800 018 2138

Lockdown Learning

The BBC has launched curriculum based TV programmes that will run alongside the BBC Bitesize collection of educational resources, which continue to provide online learning at home for pupils in Years 1 to 9, and those studying for GCSEs and Nationals. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Children are bound to spend lots more time on devices during school closure. **DON'T FEEL BAD ABOUT IT** – lots will be schoolwork or catching up with friends. But there are ways to keep them safe, healthy and happy.

Don't worry about screen time; aim for screen quality

Scrolling through social media isn't the same as making a film or story, or Skyping Grandma. Use the Children's Commissioner's 'Digital Five A Day' to plan or review each day together.



Check the safety settings are turned on

Whether it's your home internet, mobile devices, consoles, apps or games, there are lots of settings to make them safer. The key ones are - can they chat to strangers, can they video chat or go live; are their posts public? **Internet Matters** has hundreds of guides to parental controls.



Get your children to show you their apps and games

You don't need to know all about the latest app or game, but if your child shows you what they are doing and with whom, you'll probably see if it's appropriate or not. Remember 18 games are not more advanced – they are harmful to children! For parent guides to apps, including recommendations for kidsafe apps and video platforms, search for **Common Sense Media** or **NSPCC's NetAware**. And why not download the **BBC Own It** app?



Don't try to hide the news about coronavirus

If you don't talk about it, your children might read inappropriate pages, believe scare stories or simply catastrophise in their heads. Why not watch **Newsround** together and talk about how they feel – there is guidance from **Childline** to help you.

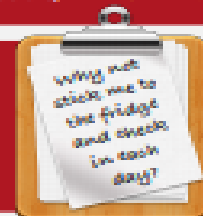


Remind them of key online safety principles

There are too many to list, but remember human behaviour is the same online and offline. Remind your children to be a good friend, to ask for help if they are worried or if someone is mean, not to get undressed on camera and most important of all... if somebody tells them not to tell or ask for help because it's too late or they will get in trouble, **THAT'S A LIE!**

If you aren't sure, ASK!

Your school may be able to give you advice, but there are plenty of other places to ask for help as a parent or a child, whether it is advice or help to fix something. Lots of sites are listed at reporting.lgfl.net, including ones to tell your kids about (they might not want to talk to you in the first instance).



You can find anything above by just googling it, or follow us @LGfLDigiSafe on Twitter or Facebook where we regularly share these resources

Barnardo's helpline for BAME families impacted by COVID

Barnardo's has launched a vital new support service which we believe will make a **positive** difference to the lives of many Black, Asian and minority ethnic children, young people and their families impacted by Covid-19.



This is a UK-wide helpline which will focus on issues specifically affecting children, young people and families from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities, who as we all know, have been hardest hit by the pandemic. The new service is a free telephone helpline and web chat facility for children, young people and families from these communities who are suffering the long-lasting and wide-ranging impact of Covid-19. Barnardo's specialist advisors will aim to provide on-going support on a complex range of issues including mental health, bereavement, family break-down, neglect, back to school, parenting advice, counselling, family stress, discrimination, barriers to services and more.

You can find out more about the new helpline here: helpline.barnardos.org.uk/helpline