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SC/NJ
20 March 2020
Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: School Closure

As you know as from Monday, 23 March 2020 all schools will be closed for the foreseeable future and only open to vulnerable learners, students with EHCP's and children of critical workers, who require a safe place as there is no one to supervise them.

We have spoken to those parents of vulnerable learners and those children with EHCP's and most have decided to keep their children at home. We have tried to ascertain, through an online survey, how many students we are likely to have in next week because they are children of critical workers. During this time those pupils will be completing the work we have set on our website and this will be completed in a room where we can operate a safe social distance from each other.

The strong advice from the Government is to keep your child at home for social distancing to prevent the spread of the disease, saying "If children can stay safely at home, they should." This means that if one parent is not in a key role this should be taken into consideration. Additionally the guidance states "... the fewer children making the journey to school and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect the vulnerable individuals in wider society".

As a critical worker if you have **no alternative** but to send your child to school next week please complete the following and ensure that your child brings this letter with them and evidence i.e. a letter from your employer confirming your position to prove you are a critical worker on Monday 23 March 2020. If you do not have a letter from your employer please provide a contact number for your employer. They will be contacted to confirm.

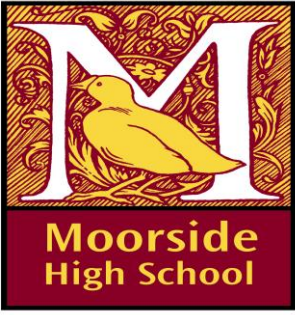
Please note that the school will not operate as normal and is essentially only providing a safe haven to support our critical workers. There will no breakfast club and school will then be open from 8:30am to 3:25pm

We have been advised that the Scragg's bus service will no longer run from the Bucknall area at this current time and instead are only offering a Saturday service.

We are making provision for those who are entitled to free school meals to ensure that we support you at this time. We have purchased Tesco vouchers for you to use which will be posted out to all those eligible, to cover a 4 week period. These will be sent by recorded delivery and will need to be signed for and should arrive by Tuesday 24 or Wednesday 25 March. Until this time if you need a free school lunch please can you contact reception who will try to organise sandwiches.

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I would like to take this opportunity to send our best wishes and good health to all of you and express how much we look forward to seeing everyone once this uncertain time has passed. Thank you for your constant support.

Yours sincerely

S Clarke BSc (Hons)
Headteacher

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Please return this form to Reception, Moorside High School

I am a critical worker and my occupation is (evidence provided Y/N).

Line manager contact number and name

I am sending my child (insert name) to school from Monday 23 March 2020 onwards.

My emergency contact telephone numbers are:-

Add Comments:

Signature of Parent/Guardian.

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