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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you to give you more information on Nunthorpe's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), Moodle. I am sure many of you have seen your child accessing work through Moodle at home and also want to know more about what it is and how it can be used.

Moodle is primarily a Learning platform on our school website, which is an online area where students can access work, extend their learning and take part in a wide range of learning activities. All students have a unique login to Moodle which allows them to access the different courses created by their teachers. Within these courses they will find their homework and links to lesson resources and other websites. By accessing Moodle with your child you will be able to find out what he/she is doing in certain lessons and also be able to help keep track of any homework.

Moodle is also used as a method of communication with you as parents. If you follow the Moodle link on the Nunthorpe Homepage (www.nunthorpe.co.uk) you will find that there is a parents' section. By clicking on the parent icon you can access links to the different faculties and houses. Over the coming year, pages will be updated with information about the faculties and houses and the different activities offered. There is also a 'Showcase' area where you will find examples of outstanding work and events which have been held at Nunthorpe.

If we have to close due to adverse weather during the winter months we will use Moodle as a communication tool. Students will be able to access work and resources to ensure their learning continues, even when they are unable to come into school.

I hope that this gives you a small insight into what Moodle is about, and the potential which can be achieved. If you have any questions or problems with Moodle then please do not hesitate to contact me, either by email (tday@nunthorpe.co.uk) or on the school phone 01642 310561 extension: 160.

Yours sincerely

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