



The Manor
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Dear Nursery Parents

On Monday 5 July the Nursery children who will be starting Reception in September will be involved in Class Moves Afternoon. All The Manor pupils, together with children joining The Manor, meet in their new classes with their new teachers. The children will be taken across to Reception by nursery staff to spend about an hour in Reception. If your child normally goes home for lunch they may stay in Nursery. Those children who do not normally come to Nursery on a Monday are invited to come in for the afternoon.

In addition to the Class Moves Afternoon on 5 July, you will shortly receive an invitation to come and meet the Reception staff on the evening of Thursday 1 July prior to them visiting.

Although you will receive a welcome booklet, with information about Reception, we thought it would be useful to give you an outline of how Reception is organised.

We do appreciate that September may feel a long way away but at this time of year we begin to plan which class your child will go into. Careful consideration is given to creating two equally strong, balanced Reception classes. I would like to reassure you that geography, friendships, age and ability are just some of the criteria we use when deciding on these groups. As it stands the boys will go together, however we may need to review this should boy numbers increase significantly.

Reception is divided into two groups/classes which are linked by a wet area and a shared outside garden so there are continual opportunities for the children in both groups to mix during the day. The teachers plan together and there are certain times during the week when the children are taught across the year group. Lunchtimes, playtimes and rest times are always spent together. All trips, assemblies and drama productions are shared.

At other times the children will be working in their smaller class groups to lay the foundations for a smooth transition to Year One a year later. The children need to continue to develop their concentration and independence as they carry on their learning journey through the Foundation Stage.

We hope this has given you an insight into what comes next and given you some reassurance regarding the next important step in your child's education.

If you have any concerns or questions at this stage, please do get in touch with Pippa McConnell or Karen Copson.

Yours sincerely

Piers Heyworth
Headmaster