

To Parents of Children in Pre-Nursery and Nursery

Friday 17 April 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Summer Term

We wish we could be doing this in person, but would like to take the opportunity to welcome you back after the holidays and hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well. We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break albeit in rather unusual circumstances but at least the sun shone which always helps and let's hope this continues.

Remote Learning

Learning this term will take place remotely. Remote learning can be a great way to continue learning outside the classroom. There are a number of factors to consider, especially around ensuring that children feel comfortable and are familiar with the whole concept. That's why we have created a Pre-Nursery, and a Nursery Google account to provide you with all of the information and resources you will need at your fingertips so that your child is getting the most out of their remote learning experience.

We hope to upload all of the clips and worksheets by Sunday evening or Monday morning, in readiness for the following week. The activities will cover all areas of the curriculum and include specialists' teaching. We will share the login and password for these Google accounts and any other sites we may use, separately in an email with you. The Pre-Nursery topic for this term is "Wish we were here!" and Nursery have titled theirs "Bugs, Roots and Welly Boots"

Once you have logged on, please find the folder 'Summer Term 2020'. In this folder you will see '20 April Week 1 Summer Term'. This folder will contain the activities for the first week of term. As the term progresses, please check your Google account regularly as we will update this weekly with new activities.

Please also continue to send us photos of any WOW moments that happen at home. These could be in relation to the work your child has completed but also any proud moments. This will enable us to keep the floor books going and also add to your child's individual Learning Journey.

Please remember to reply to the daily challenges as it is our way of registering your child in the mornings. This can be done anytime throughout the day if you are working but it is nice to know you are safe and well.

If you would like a suggestion of how to organise your home-school day please see The Manor website for a suggested routine/timetable. We know not every household is the same and people are also working from home so please organise your day to support your family's needs. Please remember, being with you, having conversations and helping with routines are all valuable learning opportunities!

We are very aware the children would like to see their teachers and I assure you the teachers would love to see your children! With this in mind we will be exploring how live video calls may be used so staff can communicate with groups of children and spend valuable time with them for stories and social times.

As always, should you have any questions surrounding the care of your child, your first port of call should remain with Miss Tracy Heath (Pre-Nursery) or Mrs Vernède or Miss Ingram (Nursery) but I am also available, should the need arise. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or worries, however big or small. My email address is: pmcconnell@manorprep.org. For further assistance with academic and pastoral concerns please contact vevans@manorprep.org or vfootring@manorprep.org.

Please keep in touch and send us photos of the children's achievements so we can celebrate with them (and you!). Thank you in advance for working with us and let's hope the sun shines!

Best wishes on behalf of us all,

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Head of Early Years