



The Manor
Preparatory School

To Parents of Children in Reception

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 was shining which always helps.

Remote Learning

We will continue with our Remote Learning programme that we started before the holidays. We had amazing feedback, photographs of children's work, activities they have enjoyed and videos of skills they have accomplished. We would like to thank you for your support as we adapt and work through this challenging time together. We look forward to seeing more of these in the coming weeks.

We will continue to upload children's work onto our Reception Google Drive. We hope to upload all of the clips and worksheets by Sunday evening, in readiness for the following week of work. This will include cross curricular challenges and activities you can pick and choose from during the week. Many of the activities will be based around Summertime topics.

On a daily basis we will continue to send differentiated Maths and Literacy activities but will email these out the evening before as we have received feedback that parents would like this in order to organise themselves for the following day.

We will remind you of the login and password for the Reception Google Drive by email as well as other sites that support the children's learning, including Education City. We are trying as much as possible to keep different logins to a minimum. We are also aware that the children should have limited amount of screen time and lots of opportunities to move, explore and get plenty of fresh air.

Each morning you will receive a 'Good Morning' email. Please can we ask you to reply to this email with 'Good morning' as this will act as your child's school registration for the day. 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 timetable or routine. 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. Being with you, having conversations and helping with routines are all valuable learning opportunities.

Pre-recorded introductions to lessons proved popular last term and allowed the children to see their teachers. With this in mind we will be exploring how live video calls may be used so

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staff can communicate with groups of children and spend valuable time with their teachers for stories and social times.

As always, should you have any questions surrounding the care and education of your child, your first port of call should be their Form Teacher but I am also available, should the need arise. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any worries at all. My email address is: pmcconnell@manorprep.org. For further assistance with academic and pastoral concerns please contact vevans@manorprep.org or vfootring@manorprep.org.

We are looking forward to another term of fun learning and creative activities. Please keep sending us photos and work the children have done so we can also celebrate what they have been doing and keep in touch. Thank you in advance for working with us and let's hope the sun shines!

Best wishes from us all,

Pippa McConnell
Head of Early Years