



The Manor
Preparatory School

To All Parents

Friday 5 June 2020

Dear Parents

Weekly Update

Firstly, I hope that you all had a lovely half term break and enjoyed the wonderful weather that we were so fortunate to have. I am pleased to report that as I write this we seem to be having a more British Summer!

This week has seen the partial re-opening of school as we welcomed back on site children and their teachers in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, along with our Critical Worker children. It has been so exciting to have some children back in school but there is also a tinge of sadness that we are not all here together. I am extremely proud of all of the children who continue to learn remotely and the staff who are working tirelessly to facilitate this. This whole process has reminded me of what a remarkable team effort this has been between children, parents and staff and I remain incredibly grateful to everyone for their ongoing support.

We continue to follow closely, latest developments around the wider opening of educational settings and we are confident that we will be fully prepared for the next phase.

Reminders for Children in School:

- As we are currently experiencing some slightly colder weather, please remember to send in a warm coat or extra layers
- Please make sure you are at your allocated gate promptly at your drop off time. This ensures that staff ratios are adhered to

We are acutely aware that many of our families rely on Manor Fun and Mini Manor Fun during the summer period. This is currently not possible but we are hopeful that we will be able to provide some form of assistance to parents who most need it, should we be given the green light to go ahead. We assure you that we will keep you informed of any changes in decision-making that take place.

As we move towards the end of our school year, our attention invariably focuses on our leavers in Year 6. As many children are experiencing this summer, they are not enjoying the rites of passage which come with reaching

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the top of your school. It looks increasingly unlikely that we will be able to celebrate properly at the end of this term but we are exploring the possibility of a reunion next term and we aim to give more detail in next week's mailing.

Mr Footring has asked me to share with you all our latest, updated Safeguarding Policy COVID-19 Annex which incorporates all of the changes that are required during this global pandemic. Please take time to read this - it can be found here:

<https://www.manorprep.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Safeguarding-Policy-COVID-19-Annex-June-2020-1.pdf>

We have also reviewed our Pupil and Staff Behaviour Policies in light of our phased return to school. The updated Pupil Behaviour Policy Annex can be found as a separate document on this week's mailing and we would be grateful if you could go through this with your children, particularly for those who remain at home at this time.

It feels as though things are beginning to move forwards slowly and with that a sense of optimism that our whole school community may be back together soon.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours

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Headmaster