



The Manor
Preparatory School

To All Parents

Friday 3 July

Dear Parents

End of Term Update

You will shortly receive an email with your child's new class for September 2020 but we wanted to take an opportunity to let you know our current plans for the new Academic Year.

As you will have seen from yesterday's news, there is a newly available, long and complex document for schools to digest in preparation for September. Our job, as a Senior Leadership Team, for next week is to wade through this to make sense of what this means for us, with our particular buildings, staff and method of operation. We will get details to you as soon as this process is complete of course.

In the meantime, we would like to reassure you that, unless there is amended guidance later in the Summer, all children will be expected to return to school in September.

It may well be worth talking to your children over the Summer about the possibility that although we have today announced new classes, it is very likely that because of the restrictions on moving around the site for lessons in other classrooms, groupings may have to be reviewed for teaching purposes, particularly in Years 3-6 where more specialist teaching currently takes place.

I can assure you that we will do everything we can to make school as near normal for the children as is possible, working within the Government guidelines and we will give due consideration to all areas of school life.

Please look out for further correspondence over the break.

It was inspiring to see how quickly our pupils adapted to using Google Classroom and online resources for their learning. Please note the teachers will archive the Google Classrooms early next week to give everyone a well-earned break from their screens. Pupils will still be able to view the Classroom and access all the relevant work from their own Drives, but they will no longer be able to comment on the Classroom Stream.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for all the wonderful donations to the Lockdown Haircut - for the record my neck and ears are currently permanently cold and I am not sure which of my two recent looks has generated the most humour and comment! But I thank you all for your huge support of the charity that the children of The Manor chose. Please see the charity newsletter on this week's mailing for full details.

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I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your immense support this term. Those friendly waves and chats at the gate, your encouraging emails and most of all your happy children have served to keep us all sane through this strangest of terms.

We wish you all a very happy Summer.

Yours

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