



**The Manor**  
Preparatory School

## **To All Pre-Nursery Parents**

Friday 10 July 2020

Dear Parents

### **Transition to Nursery**

This term we would normally have been preparing the children for their transition to Nursery and they would have been able to visit the Nursery weekly and get to know the staff and their new environment.

As you will appreciate, owing to Coronavirus and lockdown measures we have, of course, had to re-visit the transition this year. The staff in Nursery have recorded some stories for your children as a way of introducing themselves and these can be found on the Pre-Nursery Google Drive under "Transition to Nursery". The children may well already recognise these grown-ups from when they have popped into Pre-Nursery or helped with staff cover. They may also have seen them in Early Birds or Little Play Club after school if your child has attended either of these.

Assuming everything will be back to normal in September, we are hoping to be able to invite you to a Parents' Information Evening in the first week of term on Thursday 10 September from 6:00pm to 7:30pm for you to find out more about the Nursery year and to get together again after this unusual term. It will also be a lovely opportunity to meet the parents of the new children joining The Manor and celebrate normality we hope! However, we will of course need to await Government guidance on the number of people permitted at a school gathering so we will let you know at the beginning of the new term and if necessary this will be a remote meeting.

As your children have had a different transition experience this year and a considerable period of time away from school we would like to offer you the opportunity to stagger your return. This can be by way of shorter sessions or missed days. However, we also appreciate that this may not work for your particular circumstances and we would urge you to discuss this with Mrs Pippa McConnell who will help you or direct you to the right person. What is important is that each child settles back to school in their own time. Mrs McConnell can be reached on [pmcconnell@manorprep.org](mailto:pmcconnell@manorprep.org).

We are also hoping to be able to offer you and your child a familiarisation visit just before the start of term but unfortunately we are not able to confirm this yet. If guidelines change over the summer, please rest assured that we will organise something appropriate. In any event, we will try to ensure your child is shown their new environment before the start of term.

You will shortly be receiving, via email, a "More About Me" booklet. Please take a moment to complete this and return it electronically to Pippa or to the address below so that we can update your child's information; much will have changed since they joined us! Thank you.

We wish you all a very happy Summer and look forward to seeing you again in September.

Yours

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