



The Manor
Preparatory School

For All Nursery Parents

Friday 10 July 2020

Dear Parents

Transition to Reception

During the Summer Term before the children move up to Reception, we would ordinarily have been enjoying story swaps in preparation for the children moving up and to help them to get to know the new teachers and the Reception environment.

We are very fortunate that the children already know the staff from attending weekly assemblies as well as from various joint Early Years events. The children have also shared many a playtime in Reception before lockdown to assist with the transition.

The Reception teachers have recorded some stories for the children on the Nursery Google Drive under the folder "Transition Stories". Please share these with your children and enjoy.

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 Reception 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 I 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 child's return. This can be by way of shorter days or missed days. However, we 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. Pippa can be reached on 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 at 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 a happy Summer and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Yours

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