



The Manor
Preparatory School

To All Parents

25 September 2020

Dear Parents

MAP (Manor Association of Parents) Introduction

Now that we have all got used to our new routines, we turn our attention to our wonderful community that is clearly pulling together both at home and at school; we thank you all for your continued and most valued support of the school during what has been an unusual period in its long history.

I am delighted to be writing to you as MAP's new Chair and am looking forward to meeting with you this term to forge a plan for the school going forwards. As our social lives have all taken a downturn over the last few months and socialising has been curtailed on every level, we will need to be creative in our approach to getting together.

Class Reps and First Meeting

I would like to set up a Class Rep Zoom Meeting. I have reached out to last year's Class Reps, where we still have a gap for this year, and some of them are able to continue, either for another year, or until a replacement can be found. We still require Class Reps for the following classes:

Pre-Nursery, RE, RS, 1L, 2G, 3E, 3H, 4P, 4S, 4W

If you are interested in becoming a Class Rep or might be interested in helping (we are very happy for you to apply in pairs!), please do get in contact with me for further information. I am anticipating that the role will not be onerous this year as there are currently no events to arrange! It would just be lovely for parents to have a friend at the end of an email and someone to organise a Christmas present for the teacher. This role is pivotal for our new families who have not had the chance to get to know other parents in their child's class because of the inability to join us on site.

The Class Rep Zoom Meeting will be on **Thursday 15 October at 7.30pm**. Please could all Class Reps let me know if you are able to attend so that I may send you the invitation code - thank you.

Proposed Arrangements for Each Year Group

We appreciate that using Zoom as a method for getting large groups of parents together is not necessarily the best way to socialise. With this in mind, we would like to propose, in the first instance, that we offer morning coffee or afternoon tea on site to **Form Reps by Year Group** (sticking to the rule of 6 and remaining socially distanced!). We will also invite any **parents who are new to the school**. Here are the dates and times of the meetings and we will fill them up until we have 6 attendees. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and if a second meeting is required for any particular group, this will be arranged after the first round and you will be offered an alternative meeting.

Monday 5 October - 8.45am - Pre-Nursery Reps and new Pre-Nursery parents

Wednesday 7 October - 2.45pm - Nursery Reps and new Nursery parents

Friday 9 October - 2.45pm - Reception Reps and new Reception parents

Monday 12 October - 8.45am - Year 1 Reps and new Year 1 parents

Friday 16 October - 8.45am - Year 2 Reps and new Year 2 parents

Wednesday 4 November - 2.45pm - Year 3 Reps and new Year 3 parents

Friday 6 November - 8.45am - Year 4 & 5 Reps and new Year 4 & 5 parents

There are no new pupils in Year 6 so we will not host a meeting for now.

As numbers of visitors are critical during this pandemic, please email me (admissions@manorprep.org) if you would like to attend.

Events

As you will already have guessed, all events on site have been suspended until further notice, including our well-loved Fireworks Evening. As soon as these restrictions are lifted it is our intention to get all parents involved in an event as soon as we can practically arrange something - by then it will definitely be time for a party!

If you have any queries or would like to discuss anything MAP related at all, please do get in touch. (admissions@manorprep.org or 01235 858462).

Best wishes

Mrs Karen Copson
MAP Chair