



MANOR COURT Community Primary School

incorporating Manor Court Early Years Centre

A Member of Preston Primary Academy Trust

Head Teacher Mr L Talmage

Deputy Head Teacher Mr A Clode Assistant Head Teacher Mrs G Terry

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Dear parents and guardians,

Reference: Return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021

As you are aware as of this morning the whole of Somerset was placed by the Government into Tier 4. This has resulted in Somerset inhabitants living with a level of restrictions similar to those in the first National Lockdown introduced in March.

The statement from the Education Secretary yesterday afternoon was ambiguous in regard to the reopening of Primary Schools in Tier 4 areas. We were required to wait for a Government 'Education contingency plan' to be published yesterday evening before we could confirm that Manor Court can reopen on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

We are pleased to inform you that we have currently been instructed to open to all children on Tuesday 5th January including those who attend the EYC. Our breakfast club and After School Club will continue as normal in Covid-safe bubbles.

Please be aware that this may change at short notice on the instruction of the Government and we will inform you of this via a letter through ParentPay.

What have we done and what will we do to ensure that Manor Court remains as safe as possible?

- During the Christmas holidays the premises team have deep cleaned and sanitised each classroom and inside space with a highly efficient and specialised machine purchased from Numatics.
- We have updated the Covid-19 risk assessment and uploaded this to our school website.
- Mr Talmage and Mr Clode have written a contingency plan to come into force if Somerset Primary Schools are asked to close to all children apart from Keyworker and those children who may be vulnerable.
- Changed the focus of our INSET Day to ensure adequate time for all staff to be reminded of the Covid procedures in school and are contingency plan.
- Please be assured that if we are asked to shut for a short or extended period of time our contingency plan includes the printing of a pack of work for each child who attends our school.

What we now require from all Manor Court parents.

- If a member of your household has been asked to self-isolate, please do not return your child to school, until the end of this period. Please inform the school via the year group email address or EYlog (for children in EYC and Foundation Stage classes) as to when the period is over.
- Please follow all of the staggered times that worked well during the Autumn Term and do not congregate unnecessarily at the school gates during **drop off times and collection times. Please continue to wear a Facemask during all drop off and collection times.**
- School attendance is still compulsory for each child. We understand that for some parents returning their child to school will bring much anxiety. If you are extremely worried about next week please email the school email address asking for Mr Clode or Mr Talmage to call you and we will do as soon as we possibly can. Please appreciate that they are extremely busy and will contact you as soon as possible.
- Please ensure that the email address linked to your ParentPay account is the most up to date.
- If your child is in the EYC and Foundation Stage classrooms please ensure that your most up to date email address is linked to your Eylog account as this is the method of communication that will be used between the EYC, School and parents.



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- If your child is in Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6 please email once more the year group email address that each of your children is in. This will enable your child's teacher to ensure up to date contact lists during Monday's INSET day. However please do not expect a response to any email this weekend as your child's teacher is still enjoying their well-deserved Christmas holiday.

The year group email addresses are:

Y1@ManorCourt.ppat365.org

Y2@ManorCourt.ppat365.org

Y3@ManorCourt.ppat365.org

Y4@ManorCourt.ppat365.org

Y5@ManorCourt.ppat365.org

Y6@ManorCourt.ppat365.org

We realise that for some families the uncertainty of moving into living in a Tier 4 area will bring additional pressures on finances and your wellbeing. We have once more added the list of support groups that we collated in March for your use. Please do contact Miss Gregory, Mr Clode or Mr Talmage if you would benefit from a food parcel as we can source these through our local contacts. The food parcel will be discretely placed into your child's bag.

We look forward to seeing your child on Tuesday after the Christmas Holidays.

With all good wishes for a much more normal 2021.



Mr Luke Talmage

Head Teacher



Mr Alan Clode

Deputy Head Teacher/Inclusion Leader

Help is out there....

Chard COVID-19- Support Group <https://chardcovhelp.org.uk/>

Run in conjunction with Chard Town Council and local voluntary organisations to help those residents of the Chard area who need to self-isolate during this emergency period as the Corona Virus (SARS-CoV-2) circulates. Our team of volunteers can: Pick up shopping, collect medicines or other vital supplies, help you access health and local information, make friendly phone calls or walk your dog.

Somerset Support Services:

Somerset Direct 03001232327

Somerset Drug and Alcohol Service SDAS 03003038788

Somerset Integrated Domestic Abuse Service SIDAS 08006949999

CAMHs Advice line 03001245012

The Lord's Larder – Food Bank in Chard

Providing emergency food supplies for people in need. We began as a Chard Churches Together service and as the need grew, in 2017 we became a registered charity in our own right. With the support of our dedicated team of volunteers, we prepare emergency food supplies for people in need

<http://lordslarder.chardct.org.uk/>

Telephone: 07542498366 (9-1pm on Monday - Friday)

JW Gifford Charitable Trust

A Charity set up to support poorer families and individuals of the parish of Chard. In the past the trust has granted funding for various requests such as white goods, carpet, medical equipment and horse-riding therapy.

The Parish Office, St. Marys Church Centre, Holyrood Street, Chard, Somerset TA20 2DN

Telephone 01460 66265 Email: mathewlarks@aol.com

PROMISE works supports a team of trained volunteers who provide a Somerset-wide mentoring service for some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged young people in the county.

www.promiseworks.org.uk

Telephone: 0300 3651900

Citizens Advice South Somerset

Forefront Community Centre 42 Fore Street Chard TA20 1QA

www.citizensadvice-southsomerset.org.uk

Telephone 03444 889623

Chard watch Project

A community project based on peer support, helping isolated people make friends through activities, and a supported friendly and fun environment at our Thursday pop-up Project & Peer support courses which run throughout Somerset

C/O Forefront Community Centre 42 Fore Street Chard TA20 1QA

<http://watchproject.org.uk/>

Telephone: 01460 261264 or 07506238540

Young Minds Somerset has lots of great resources and signposts to apps and helplines for children and parents/carers for anxiety, mindfulness, CBT, eating disorders, self-harm, suicide, single parents etc.

www.youngsomerset.org.uk

Telephone: 01278 722100

Swan Advocacy - Changing Lives across the South West

Since 1999, we have developed a high-quality model of advocacy which ensures the most vulnerable members of our communities have the same rights and opportunities as their fellow citizens.

We believe that everyone has the same right to be heard, be in control of making choices, and to be safe from violence and abuse. Our services are free, confidential and non-judgmental.

www.swanadvocacy.org.uk/services-near-you/somerset

Telephone: 0333 344 7928

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School Nurse Team

southsomersetsn@somerset.gov.uk	Telephone 03003230114
Somerset Carer/Parent Forum	
Support for parents with children with additional needs-no diagnosis needed. https://somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk/ Telephone 01458 259384	
SWISH	
Advice on contraception, pregnancy tests, emergency contraception and STI Telephone 03001245010	
Family Lives – build better family lives together	
https://www.familylives.org.uk/ Telephone 0808 800 2222	
Young Minds Helpline Telephone 0808 802 5544	
Mental and emotional support	
League of Friends of Chard Hospital	
Provides equipment and facilities for the hospital and patients not available on the NHS to relieve patients and former patients of the Chard and District Hospital who are sick, convalescent, disabled, handicapped, infirm or in need of financial assistance. Telephone 01297 678288 (Mrs Nora Arnold)	
Taunton Foodbank	Telephone 07761 624216
info@taunton.foodbank.org.uk	
Somerset Foodbanks	
https://www.billhelp.uk/free-food-banks-in-somerset/	
Somerset Survivors - Domestic Abuse Support (SIDAS)	
Offer support to anyone experiencing domestic abuse, whether as a victim or a perpetrator. This helpline will also be the point of contact for professionals making referrals and any members of the public who want advice about domestic abuse. Telephone 0800 69 49 999 Email: here.tohelp@knightstone.cjsm.net www.somersetsurvivors.org.uk	
Citizens Advice	
The government is outlining plans to help support people who have been affected financially by COVID-19. If you have been affected in this way, you may be able to access help. www.citizensadvice.org.uk/health/coronavirus-what-it-means-for-you	
If someone is in an abusive relationship advice specific can be found here:	
https://mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus/abusive-relationships Freephone 24/7 National Domestic Violence Helpline, run by Refuge: 0808 2000 247 The Men's Advice Line, for male domestic abuse survivors – 0808 801 0327 The Mix, free information and support for under 25s in the UK – 0808 808 4994 National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline – 0800 999 5428	
The NSPCC helpline	
Parents and carers often have lots of questions, like what's the right age to leave a child home alone, what to do about bullying or how to keep their children safe online. Whatever the issue, they're there to keep children safe. help@nspcc.org.uk Telephone 0808 800 5000 (Monday-Friday 8am – 10pm/9am – 6pm weekends)	
Childline	
To give young people a voice when no one else is listening. Whatever problems or dangers they're facing, we're a place for them to turn for support – any time of day or night. Telephone 0800 1111	