



MANOR COURT Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Reference: Return to School on Wednesday 5th January 2022

Before taking the time to explain your child's return to school, we would like to use this opportunity to wish you a very Happy New Year! We do hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas and New Year period with family, friends, and each other.

Please read the information below carefully as it explains your child's return to school tomorrow and how we will strive to keep the school open during the local and national omicron variant outbreak. We believe that the next term could prove to be most challenging, and as always it is our intention to work through this with as little disruption to your child's education as possible.

Coronavirus safety measures

All Somerset schools have been instructed to open with the same safety measures (as directed by the amber section of the contingency framework) in place as prior to the Christmas holidays. This means that:

1. The staggered start and finish times remain the same as before Christmas. Please use the same gate as you did previously to drop and collect your child from school.
2. We strongly encourage all adults to wear a face mask when dropping their child to school and collecting them at the end of the school day.
3. Members of the staff team will be wearing a face mask throughout the school day. At this current time primary aged children are not expected by the Government, DFE or us to wear a face mask during the school day. We do not encourage the children to wear a face mask, and this is a decision of parental preference.
4. Children will remain in their year group bubbles and all assemblies will be held online, and children will eat their lunch (hot meal or lunchbox) in their classrooms.
5. Parents and external visitors will continue to have limited access to the school site and will be expected to sanitise their hands and fit a facemask prior to entering the school building.
6. Staff members will continue to test daily with a Lateral Flow Test to ensure that we do not have covid before coming to work.

Forward planning for all scenarios

Please be assured that we have made thorough and secure contingency plans for each possible scenario and that we will share these with you, including our enhanced remote learning offer, at the immediate point that information is required to be shared with you. These scenarios include:

- a) The Government instructing all schools to become virtual schools and teaching children remotely in a similar way as this time last year.
- b) Individual classes or year groups requiring to work at home remotely because of an outbreak of Covid within the year group.

Work packs

Last year we surveyed all parents about the remote learning offer that we provided for the children who attend our school. The overwhelming majority of responses were in favour of our offer and especially the work packs that we provided as well as appreciating that these were printed and delivered to your



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home. If you would like us to print and deliver a work pack to you in either of the planned for scenarios, could you please email your child's teacher through the year group email address by Monday 10th January stating your child's name and your home address. This will enable us to update our delivery routes within enough time to deliver work to you.

Each aspect of our remote learning offer will be uploaded to the school website and emailed home to you if you would rather print your own packs at home.

Contacting the school about confirmed cases of coronavirus or to seek advice

If you require to inform the school about a confirmed case of coronavirus or to seek advice about coronavirus or the impact on your family or children, it is essential that you email the dedicated coronavirus email address – covidcase@manorcourt.ppat365.org

Through emailing this email address we can accurately log all cases of our pupils and offer to you the support or advice that you require. We have informed all staff to not reply to emails sent to the year group email address, personal work email addresses or directly through social media accounts such as Facebook.

Work for children who need to isolate (not when the whole class is required to move to remote learning)

We appreciate that coronavirus impacts all children and adults differently and that during periods of isolation some children may be well enough to complete schoolwork and others may not be. During periods of individual isolation, the school will only email work for children to complete at home at the request of parents and carers. Please inform the school office or email the year group email addresses if you require work to be emailed home.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely.



Mr Luke Talmage
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