



MANOR COURT Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

IMPORTANT COVID-19 Information – Additional Measures **Return to school on Monday 1st November 2021**

As you are probably aware the transmission rate of Covid-19 locally has risen sharply and this rise is predicted to continue in the upcoming weeks. As you will have seen in the media, the Southwest has experienced problems of false negative test results from one of the national laboratories.

This week we have received an email from the Director of Public Health for Somerset strongly advising that Manor Court Community Primary School (like many schools in Somerset) should return after the half-term break with all **'Amber'** measures in place including start and end times to further limit unnecessary congregation of adults. We hope that these staggered start and end times to be **temporary** and will be in place for the **first two weeks of term**; this will allow us to assess the infection rate within our school community as guided by Public Health England.

Staggered start and end times to the school day:

From Monday 1st November the start and end times of the day will be as they were at the start of the academic year and children are to enter the school premises unaccompanied and through the stated gates.

	Start and finish time	Gate to use
Foundation Stage		
Squirrels & Hedgehogs class	08:30 – 15:00	Top gate
Year 1		
Bumblebees	08:40 – 15:10	Pedestrian gate adjacent to the Y1 block
Dragonflies	08:40 – 15:10	Pedestrian gate adjacent to the Y1 block
Year 2		
Nightingales	08:40 – 15:10	Gate nearest to Coronation Street & onto KS2 playground and enter through external door nearest Nightingale class.
Magpies	08:40 – 15:10	Gate nearest to Coronation Street & straight into the main building at the front of the school.
Year 3		
Kingfishers	08:50 – 15:20	Main gate & enter the building through the door at the front of the school.
Owls	08:50 – 15:20	Main gate & enter the building through the door at the front of the school.
Year 4		
Eagles	09:00 – 15:30	Pedestrian gate adjacent to Y1 block onto the KS1 playground and enter the building through the door nearest Eagles and Puffins class.
Puffins	09:00 – 15:30	Pedestrian gate adjacent to Y1 block onto the KS1 playground and enter the building through the door nearest Eagles and Puffins class.
Year 5		

Badgers	08:45-15:15	Top gate
Foxes	08:45-15:15	Top gate
Year 6		
Hérons	08:30 – 15:00	Gate nearest to Coronation Street & onto KS2 playground and enter through the external door into Herons class.
Otters	08:30 – 15:00	Gate nearest to Coronation Street & onto KS2 playground and enter through the external door into Otters class.

Before half term we wrote to you outlining the additional measures we have implemented following a contained outbreak of positive cases within our school. As a reminder we include these measures in this letter below and have updated them as necessary.

From Monday 1st November, please note the following updated guidance:

1. All after school enrichment clubs will stop for the first two weeks back after the half term holiday. This will provide time for us to assess the number of coronavirus cases locally.
2. All staff will continue to complete a LFT on a daily basis and will immediately book a PCR test if this LFT is positive.
3. Paid for Breakfast and After school wrap around care will continue to enable parents to go to work.
4. All lunches (hot meals provided by Aspens and packed lunches) will be eaten in the classrooms, limiting the mixing of children in different year group bubbles.
5. The playground will revert to zones to limit year group bubbles from mixing in school time.
6. School Assemblies will continue to be held online.
7. Mask wearing for adults is required at all times within the school building (when not in their bubble) and on the school premises, including the playground and all outside areas.
8. Adults are expected to wear a facemask at all times whilst on the school premises.
9. Once parents have dropped off their children, they must not congregate outside the school gates and should leave the vicinity of the school.
10. If children or staff have obvious symptoms of coronavirus they will be sent home immediately.

It is not currently our intention to limit school trips, or our excellent enrichment school curriculum offer (apart from the after-school enrichment clubs for the initial two weeks). Keeping these opportunities for the children is an important aspect of our school value and culture.

Guidance from Public Health England

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

However mild the symptoms, please book a PCR test for the person with symptoms (even if they have already taken an LFD test). Symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- A new, continuous cough, and/or
- A temperature, and/or
- A loss of, or change to, sense of taste and/or smell.

You can book a test here [Testing for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) or by calling 119.

If the test result is negative, your child can return to school once they are well and have been fever free for at least 24 hours (without the support of paracetamol or Calpol).

If the test result is positive, your child must self-isolate for 10 days (from when symptoms started, or from the date of the test). Members of your household who have been fully vaccinated (at least 14 days earlier), are medically exempt from vaccination or under the age of 18 years 6 months, instead of self-isolating, are advised to take a free PCR test. They should continue to take precautions to protect others until the result is received. If the result is negative, they can resume normal activities. If the result is positive, they must isolate for 10 days. This starts either from the test date, or onset of symptoms, whichever came first.

If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111. **For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.**

Those who are [clinically extremely vulnerable](#) should minimise their contact with other people in the household during this period, regardless of whether others have symptoms or not.

Further information is available at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19.

- Wash your hands with soap and water often – for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- Bin used tissues immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- Ventilate indoor spaces as well as possible – let the fresh air in, even if for a short period a day
 - Participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over). We encourage you to log your results here: www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results

Please also remember to follow the guidance issued on Friday 15th October which states that all children and staff should isolate if:-

- They are LFD positive and have symptoms (presumptive positive even if PCR is negative) – 10 days isolation.

A PCR test should always be booked in order to confirm the LFD result. However, if there is a positive LFD test and the person has symptoms, or if they have repeated positive LFD tests, then the individual is presumed positive, even if this is contradicted by the PCR test result.

- They are a household contact (parent, sibling, spouse etc.) of someone who has tested PCR or LFD positive or presumptive positive until they have a negative PCR test result.

For further information, please visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19

Thank you for supporting us in these actions.

Yours sincerely



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