



MANOR COURT Community Primary School

incorporating Manor Court Early Years Centre

A Member of Preston Primary Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers.

Virtual Manor Court Primary School

This week has marked the start of a new and very surreal era for education in the United Kingdom amongst very difficult times for us all. We now have a situation where we have some children in school and the vast majority, on the medical instruction of the Government, remaining safe at home learning. One thing that we know is that children are amazing and resilient!

We have been reacting to school closure to the best of our ability and the teachers will continue to provide 'remote learning packs' for those children at home on a fortnightly basis and we have decided that the best way to get these to you via email and uploading them to the school website. Foundation Stage will continue to set work to you via Ey-Log.

We have created email addresses that can be used by parents to ask questions of their child's teachers about the schoolwork throughout the period of remote learning and will be deleted afterwards. They will be checked each day, but not continually. Please be mindful of how much and in what way you contact your child's teacher as we are trying to keep our staff safe and manage their workload as well.

To ensure that you reach the distribution list, please email the relevant email address and state your child's name.

Here are the email addresses:

Y1@ManorCourt.ppat365.org

Y2@ManorCourt.ppat365.org

Y3@ManorCourt.ppat365.org

Y4@ManorCourt.ppat365.org

Y5@ManorCourt.ppat365.org

Y6@ManorCourt.ppat365.org

It is our intention that the work that we set should be suitable for children to complete independently. We appreciate that not all parents are teachers or will have completed work like that which is being set for a long time and that supporting your children with their work will cause additional stress. This is the last thing that we as a school community want to do during this time! The work set does not have to be completed at once but throughout the day, we will provide a suggested timetable with each pack to help. Again this is a suggestion and is not something that will be enforced. These packs are not to be completed during the Easter holidays.

We acknowledge that the idea of teaching your children at home is daunting and we want to reassure you that our main expectation is that each child stays safe at home. However, this is a perfect time to make memories with your children and learn what cannot always be taught in school.

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It is important that all children continue to feel part of the school community during this time and from Monday we will start an initiative on our two forms of social media; Twitter and Facebook. The FMCA have also agreed to post your activities on their Facebook page. You can share photographs with us of any learning whatsoever that your children are doing.

We have created ten particular hashtags we are hoping that we will get lots of submissions for and do feel free to create your own which start in a similar way:

#ManorCourtGreenfingers Manor Court children sharing what they are growing this Spring Time.

#ManorCourtChefs Manor Court children cooking and baking with their family.

#ManorCourtBuilders Manor Court children sharing all of the incredible Lego and construction masterpieces that they will be building.

#ManorCourtMovers Manor Court children showing their safe physical or sporting activity.

#ManorCourtPicasso Manor Court children sharing the artwork that they are proud of.

#ManorCourtSiblings Manor Court children helping younger or older siblings to read, write or dress.

#ManorCourtGroovers Manor Court children being active through dance.

#ManorCourtHelpers Manor Court children helping within the house by completing chores such as hoovering, washing up and tidying their bedrooms!

#ManorCourtSkillmakers Manor Court children learning new skills such as sewing, knitting or tying their shoelaces.

#ManorCourtGeniuses Manor Court children working extremely hard to overcome something that they had previously found difficult!

Do feel free to make your own suggestions of hashtags too!

Your child may find it difficult to not be at school and may find social distancing hard and this website might be useful in helping them through these feelings: www.elsa-support.co.uk

Over the past few days we have also created a list of outside agencies that may be useful during this time for parents. We have attached this on the reverse of this letter so please do keep it for reference during this time.

With all kind wishes.



Mr L Talmage
Head Teacher



Mr A Clode
Deputy Head/Inclusion leader



Help is out there....

Chard COVID-19D- 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

Citizens Advice South Somerset

<p>Forefront Community Centre 42 Fore Street Chard TA20 1QA https://www.citizensadviceouthsomerset.org.uk Telephone: 03444 889623</p>	
<p>School Nurse Team southsomersetsn@somerset.gov.uk</p>	<p>Telephone 03003230114</p>
<p>Somerset Carer/Parent Forum Support for parents with children with additional needs-no diagnosis needed. https://somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk/ Telephone 01458 259384</p>	
<p>SWISH Advice on contraception, pregnancy tests, emergency contraception and STI Telephone 03001245010</p>	
<p>Family Lives – build better family lives together https://www.familylives.org.uk/ Telephone 0808 800 2222</p>	
<p>Young Minds Helpline Telephone 0808 802 5544 Mental and emotional support</p>	
<p><u>League of Friends of Chard Hospital</u> 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)</p>	
<p>Taunton Foodbank info@taunton.foodbank.org.uk</p>	<p>Telephone 07761 624216</p>
<p>Somerset Foodbanks https://www.billhelp.uk/free-food-banks-in-somerset/</p>	
<p>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.cism.net www.somersetsurvivors.org.uk</p>	
<p>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</p>	
<p>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</p>	
<p>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)</p>	
<p>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</p>	