



MANOR COURT Community Primary School

incorporating Manor Court Early Years Centre

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Dear All,

School closure

I am writing to convey my gratefulness to you all during this unprecedented time.

As you can appreciate the decisions that I am being asked to make are both reactive to immediate Government instruction and proactive, looking forward to what inevitably will happen each day.

These are challenging times and will only become more difficult as each day passes. We all unswervingly want to keep children safe and this makes it additionally important to follow the strong messages that we are being given. The Government and NHS is clear; children are safest if they remain at home and indoors.

If you are a key-worker, I strongly appeal that you make alternative provision to keep your children at home and inside during this time, as long as this alternative care is not with a family member who is at risk of being greatly susceptible to Covid-19. In keeping your children with you, they remain safe and it also provides ongoing protection for the committed staff members of Manor Court Primary School and their children and elderly parents who they care for outside of school hours.

I am sure that you will acknowledge that my colleagues, by coming to school to provide a resemblance of normality for a limited number of children, are taking great risk. This is especially increased as they have not been issued with any protective clothing from the Government.

We will continue to remain open for those families who need us to but anticipate this number to decrease within the next few days. From tomorrow morning all parents will be asked to complete a survey that we have been instructed to by the Government that outlines your actual need for this provision. If the survey stresses that the Government does not believe that you should be in school, your child will not be permitted to stay.

I would like to publicly state my admiration and thankfulness for each of my colleagues who continue to come to work at their time on the rota. I am convinced that they would rather be at home with their families. I am sure that this gratitude will be echoed by all parents too.

Please stay safe in this difficult time and with all good wishes.

Mr L Talmage
Head Teacher



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