



MANOR COURT Community Primary School

incorporating Manor Court Early Years Centre

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reference: Returning to school in September 2021

We are writing to outline our plans for the last week of this school year and the initial few weeks after the summer holiday and to explain our reasoning for maintaining the social distancing measures that have been in place for the past sixteen months. Our decision has been made in discussion with the Senior Leadership Team and the Local Governing Body.

The prevailing intention behind our decision to maintain measures, is the overwhelming desire to keep each Manor Court child, parent, and member of the staff team safe, in a local area where the R-rate continues to remain relatively high. We also acknowledge that it is extremely probable that infection rates will quickly rise after Monday (the 19th July) when the Government relaxes national Covid legislation. The impact of this period of National unlocking is unknown to us all and it is our belief that it would be especially difficult to reinstate and enforce strict measures for the school community after we had loosened them.

For the last week of this academic year and in September, until our planned review date of Friday 24th September, we will continue to:

1. Operate staggered start times at drop off and collection times to prevent parents from gathering on the playgrounds.
2. Request that parents and staff continue to wear a face covering (unless medically exempt) at drop off and collection time.
3. Limit the number of visitors on the school site. It is our plan to arrange a week of 'open days' to enable all parents to visit the school after our review date. This will be dependent on if it is acknowledged to be safe to do so.
4. Continue to direct parents to the school year group email addresses and Eylog as the first point of communication with the child's teacher.
5. Ask children to come to school in their PE kits on days when the class has their PE lessons. PE days will be communicated via Eylog, and the year group emails.
6. Expect children to wash their hands regularly with soap and water or hand sanitiser. Please do inform us if you do not wish for your child to use hand sanitiser.

It is our intention to remove all other restrictions immediately and we hope to be able to lift the above restrictions after three full weeks of the new school year on Friday 24th September.

Staggered start times from September 2021

We will continue to stagger start times and collection times and ask parents to wait at different gates to limit the number of parents arriving at each time. It is the responsibility of each parent to maintain social distancing throughout drop off and collection times.

We continue to encourage children to enter the school site and go to their designated place independently. Staff members will be at each gate to see children in/out and guide them to their correct classroom. We also ask that parents do not enter the school buildings with their children as this increases the risk of cross contamination.



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Our new Foundation children's parents may enter the site with their child and wait outside of the Foundation area fencing.

	Start/Finish time	Gate to use
Reception		
Squirrels & Hedgehogs class	08:30-15:00	Top gate
Year 1		
Bumblebees	08:40 - 15:10	Pedestrian gate adjacent to Y1 block
Dragonflies	08:40 - 15:10	Pedestrian gate adjacent to Y1 block
Year 2		
Nightingales	08:40 - 15:10	Gate nearest to Coronation Street & on to KS2 playground and enter through external door near Nightingales classroom.
Magpies	08:40 - 15:10	Gate nearest to Coronation Street & on to KS2 playground and enter through external door near Nightingales classroom.
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		
Puffins	09:00 – 15:30	Pedestrian gate adjacent to Y1 block & enter through the external door near the studio.
Eagles	09:00 – 15:30	Pedestrian gate adjacent to Y1 block & enter through the external door near the studio.
Year 5		
Foxes	08:45– 15:15	Top gate
Badgers	08:45 – 15:15	Top gate
Year 6		
Herons & Otters class	08:30 – 15:00	Main gate & enter the building through the door at the front of the school

- Foundation Stage children will have a reduced timetable for two weeks before starting fulltime on Monday 20th September.

We have genuinely appreciated the level of support that you have offered us throughout the pandemic and will be grateful for your support in this next period as we navigate our way into the new normal way of education.

Thank you for your ongoing support and with all kind regards.



Mr Luke Talmage
Head Teacher



Mr Alan Clode
Deputy Head Teacher/Inclusion Lead