



# UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Home learning – packs available for collection**

We have been doing our best as a school to ensure that there are lots of home learning activities being set for the children; some of these are online tasks, others are activities that are uploaded to our website every week. Some parents have said that they are struggling to complete some of the work due to a lack of internet access, a printer or laptops / tablets. We have got printed copies of the work being set on our website for each year group available for parents to collect from school if you wish to do so. Packs are available for collection from Monday afternoon onwards each week. Unfortunately, unless there are exceptional circumstances, we are unable to post or deliver these to you.

## **Government's proposal for a phased re-opening of schools**

The government has asked schools to start to prepare for a phased re-opening of schools from 1<sup>st</sup> June. This would only be for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. If and how we are able to re-open depends on a number of factors (significantly ensuring the safety of staff and children in school) and we are only considering possible options at the moment.

I have written to all parents with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 asking for an indication of whether or not they would send their children into school if school re-opened to them on 1<sup>st</sup> June. This information will help us with planning. Please respond to the text message you will have received as soon as possible. Once we have planned if and how we might be able to start a phased re-opening, we will share this with parents for your information.

The ongoing provision for some of our vulnerable children and the children of critical workers will continue. We will be open over half term for them and will provide care for them in school regardless of any other plans for a phased re-opening.

## **World record attempt**

We have the chance to be part of the world's largest ever art lesson...

The lesson will take place online on the **21st May at 4:00-4:30pm**. It will be led by World Book Day author and children's book illustrator, [Rob Biddulph](#). You might know him from #DrawWithRob or his books, 'Odd Dog Out' or 'Blown Away'. The lesson is free to join and suitable for everyone at home. To count towards the world record, all you need to do is **register individually at [www.artworldrecords.com](http://www.artworldrecords.com) and join our school in taking part on the day.**

## **Nursery Places for September**

If you have a child of nursery age (3 or 4 years old) and you would like to enquire about a place in our school nursery, please contact Mrs Bennett at [eyfs@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:eyfs@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk).

### **Digital safety during COVID-19**

Please see the attached information about digital safety during COVID-19. It has lots of tips on how to ensure that your child stays safe whilst being online more than usual during the current coronavirus outbreak.

### **Eurovision – Uplands style**

Tomorrow night (Saturday) would have been the Eurovision song contest. Some of the Uplands staff are trying to coordinate their own Eurovision night for our school community. Please find our school on Twitter and join in (or at least to see what everyone is up to) – it should be fun.

### **Twitter and Facebook**

**I strongly encourage all parents to sign up to Twitter and / or Facebook to keep in touch with what is happening at Uplands Manor and take part in the various challenges being set by the staff. They also retweet and share lots of good activities for the children to access and take part in. It is also a chance to share some of your child's work and see what other people have been up to.**

**You can find our school on Twitter @UplandsManor and on Facebook by searching for 'Uplands Manor Primary School.' So much information is shared via these sites that all parents should be accessing them, especially during this school closure period.**

Yours faithfully



Mr A Dickinson  
Head Teacher