



UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Government Announcement

Many of you will have tuned in to the Prime Minister's speech last night. I am sure you will have questions and some concerns about what he said in relation to schools reopening. Unfortunately, as we only heard the information at the same time as you, we do not yet have any answers. We will be waiting for further guidance and clarification from the government and once we have any details or information, I will share it with you.

Please can I reinforce that, currently, we continue to only offer childcare to the children of critical workers (as defined in the list on 5th May) and to our vulnerable children. I understand that this makes returning to work difficult for some families, however these measures were put in place nationally to ensure the safety of our community and to try and slow the spreading of COVID-19. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

Thank you

Whilst school remains closed to the vast majority of our children, staff are in school each week on a rota providing care for some of our vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. One of our local shops, *Mr Convenience*, has generously been donating treats for these children every Friday – a real act of community support and care. I will be writing a formal thank you letter to the store for their kindness towards our staff and children at this difficult time.

VE Day Celebrations

Last Friday was the 75th anniversary of VE Day – it was wonderful to see the children's work, tributes and celebrations to mark this really special and important occasion. So many millions of people gave their lives to make sure that we can live in peace in a free society and we are forever grateful for their sacrifice.

Head Teacher Awards

I sent out lots of Head Teacher awards again last week – please keep sharing what your child is doing by copying me into messages on Twitter so that I can see and acknowledge their hard work and hopefully send out an award to them.

Awards were sent to:

Farley Clarke
Amie Adams
Faaris and Hamdaan Ahmed
Manraj Singh
Amelia Pountney
Grace Allard
Noel and Ryan Bradbury

Well done to all of the parents who are managing to balance so many roles at home, including supporting your child's learning. Keep up the wonderful work!

Reception Offers

If you have not yet accepted your offer of a place for Reception at Uplands Manor in September, please get in touch with us as soon as possible so that we can support you in doing so.

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.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Dickinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Mr A Dickinson
Head Teacher