



UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,



What a year it has been! We have achieved so much as a school and I am so proud of our progress. From winning awards such as Rights Respecting Silver award and Sandwell Wellbeing Charter Mark Renewal to fantastic Y4 times tables results (above national) and Reception outcomes improving every single year, there is much to celebrate!



If you haven't already, please take a look at our new school video that showcases our special school [Uplands Manor Primary School - Home](#)



Safeguarding at Uplands Manor always comes first, and we continue to work vigilantly to ensure our systems are the best they can be. We now have a school lockdown system and tannoy, which sounds an alarm. You may have heard our welcome to school announcements and song in the morning! We will be practising lockdown procedures with pupils in September. We are very good at fire drills 😊

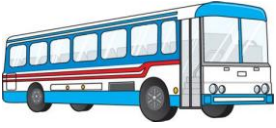


Thank you to all parents who supported us with our decisions as to whether to keep school open or closed in the heat. As our climate changes, we will see more extreme weather, and it is important that parents trust us to make this decision, and if we are open, always sending your children in to school.



Thank you to all parents who have signed up to our new parent app, Arbor. We want to ensure long term that parents only have one app to use for everything to do with school. We now have 60% of families signed up. Please sign up so you can receive all our letters to keep up to date with school events. This really is fundamental to home school partnership. Please look at the July school newsletter for instructions for downloading the Arbor app. We are continuing to use the Kanpla app for school dinner orders, but we are hoping this will eventually move over to Arbor too.

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From September, we are starting a new payment system for school trips, visitors and local visits, so it is easier for parents to contribute. We understand the importance of these opportunities, and ensure that this enrichment, is built into our school curriculum and plans for the year.

So we can continue to ensure that every child gets three enrichment visits per year, we are now asking that parents contribute £25 for the whole year to support school to organise these events. No further money will be asked for, this is just a one off payment, and payment plans will be available. We want to do this so we never have to cancel a trip. We will write to all parents at the start of the year and let you know what the three visits will be, and give you the details for the one off payment to be made. We are looking forward to sharing our plans with you.



We welcome two new members of our teaching team – Jessica Moore (Y3) and Mandeep Bilkhu (Y6) they have visited school and met pupils, before we break up. A big Uplands welcome from us.

This progress has happened because fabulous staff and parents work together – thank you for your support. **We return to school on Thursday 3rd September.**

Have a wonderful summer holiday!

Best wishes,

Mrs Keen

Achievement

Belief

Creativity

Determination

Enthusiasm

