

UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

School Update

Since mid-March, school has remained open every day (including Bank Holidays) to provide childcare for some of our vulnerable children and the children of Key Workers. It has been a pleasure to have these children in school each week and to do our part as a school to support parents working in key roles during this pandemic and I would like to thank my staff for their hard work and support in making this possible.

- On Monday, we welcomed back some of our Reception children and it has been wonderful to see them running into school smiling and enjoying being back at school.
- On Monday 29th June, some of our Year 1 children are returning to school and we are really looking forward to seeing them again.
- From Monday 6th June some of our Year 6 children will be coming back to school for some transition work and to say goodbye to their teachers and friends.

Any parents in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 requesting a place for their child to return to school must give a minimum of 1 weeks' notice. This also applies to key workers who need to email keyworkers@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk to request a place for their child.

What will happen in September

There is a lot of speculation in the news at the moment about what will happen in September. We are still waiting for the government's guidance on how schools can be opened safely for all children to return and I will write to you with more information as soon as we know more.

- ❖ *If school is to open as usual, children in **Years 1 to 6 will return to school on Thursday 3rd September as planned.** Reception and Nursery children will have their usual phased starts at school.*

How you can support your child

Please do all that you can during the rest of this term and over the summer to **support your child's learning**. Remember – paper packs of work can be collected from school for your child to complete and online learning is uploaded to our website every Monday morning. **The most important thing you can do is for your child to read with you every day** and for you to talk about what you have read with them.

I understand that completing home learning can be challenging for families for many different reasons but **please do everything that you can to help your child and stop them from falling too far behind**. The teachers are happy and able to help you in any way that they can – email them at the year group email addresses to request support or to request another phone call.

We will be sending out some extra resources that can be used to all families – these will include key Maths and English skills that your child should learn and practise as much as possible.

The email addresses to contact for further support are:

Nursery and Reception: eyfs@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk

Year 1: year1@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk

Year 2: year2@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk

Year 3: year3@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk

Year 4: year4@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk

Year 5: year5@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk

Year 6: year6@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk

SENCO: senco@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk

You will be able to contact the school about urgent matters through emailing the head teacher's email account at headteacher@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk. We will respond to urgent emails as soon as possible.

End of year reports and staffing for next year

We will be posting out your child's end of year report on Friday 3rd July. You should therefore receive them the following week. We will also be sending out information about your child's class and teacher for next year. This will be enclosed with your child's report.

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.

- ***Any 3-year-old children currently at Tiny Steps should be applying for a place at our school Nursery as they can only provide for 2-year-old places on our site.***

Two-year-old Nursery provision at Uplands Manor (Tiny Steps)

Tiny Steps Pre-School currently have FREE 15 hour funded places for two-year olds to start as soon as we return. Please contact 07943547073 / 0121 565 3209 or tinysteps@wsenterprise.co.uk for more information.

We are also delivering FREE Literacy and Maths sessions for parents with children under three year olds. These are currently being delivered over the phone and provide a wide range of ideas and activities during this difficult time for the whole family. For more information please contact 07943547073.

Extra support from school

We understand that these are challenging and hard times for many families in our community. We have already been working closely with some families that we are aware of who need extra support. If you or your child are in need of any additional support (mental wellbeing, food, support with learning etc) and we have not been in touch with you, please get in touch with us so that we can do our very best to help you.

Gifts for staff

A few parents have been in touch to ask about the best way to thank staff and to give them end of year gifts. This is really kind and gifts are always very much appreciated. **Please can I ask that you hold onto any gifts and bring them into school in September** to avoid us having lots of extra adults and items coming into school as it puts everyone at an increased risk. Thank you.

Yours faithfully



Mr A Dickinson
Head Teacher