

UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Messages for parents with children currently in school

It is wonderful that we now have lots of our children back in school. Reception and Year 1 have already started back alongside the children of key workers. On Monday, we welcome back some of our Year 6 children on a rota basis.

Now that more children are attending school, timekeeping is really important to ensure that parents and children are not mixing at drop off and collection times. The strict timings for each group are as follows:

Key Worker Pods: 8.45am – 3.15pm (Monday to Friday)
Reception Pods: 8.55am – 2.55pm (Monday to Thursday)
Year 1 Pods: 9.05am – 3.05pm (Monday to Thursday)
Year 6 Pods: 9.15am – 3.25pm (only on agreed rota days)

It is also really important that you use our one-way system for drop off and collection. Please enter the school site through the Old Chapel Road entrance and leave the site through the Addenbrooke Road entrance. Thank you for helping us to keep our children and families safe at these times.

<u>Year 6 Dinners</u> – please make sure you are sending your child into school with a packed lunch on the day that they are in school next week.

Plans for September

You will be aware that the government have announced that all children will be returning to school in September. Yesterday, they released their guidance document for schools in order to help us plan a smooth a safe return to school for everybody. We are currently working through this guidance and will update you about our procedures and safety measures in the coming weeks.

Please note:

- 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 as per the letters sent home to parents.

End of year reports

Today we have posted out the end of year reports for all children – they should therefore be with you next week. Please be aware that the reports are based on how your child was doing in school before our forced closure in March; when the children return to school, depending on how much home learning they have completed, they may be working at a different level to that on their report.

If you would like a conversation with your child's teacher about their report, please send an email to the year group email addresses already shared with you to request a call.

We have also included key information about your child's class and teacher for next year. Please read this carefully, especially parents with children in Year 2 or Year 5, as the current classes have been mixed to make new classes for next year.

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.

Free School Uniform Available

Please see the attached leaflet from '4Community Trust' about being able to get some free school uniform for your child, ready for September.

REMINDER: 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.

REMINDER - 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 <u>urgent</u> matters through emailing the head teacher's email account at <u>headteacher@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk</u>. We will respond to urgent emails as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

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