



UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Home Learning

Home learning is up and running this half term – well done to everyone working hard to complete their work.

- *Remember, if you would like a paper copy of the work being set, these are available for collection from school, anytime after 1pm on Monday. You can collect on any day of the week.*
- *If you are having any issues with accessing technology, please get in touch to see if we are able to help.*
- *If you are coming to school to collect anything, please ensure that you are strictly following all government guidelines around social distancing. Thank you. Two weeks' worth of work is being provided to reduce the number of times parents need to come to school to collect packs*

Phased Reopening of Uplands Manor

A letter was sent out last Tuesday to explain our plans for a phased reopening and our reasoning behind our decision.

School will start a phased reopening from Monday 22nd June to Reception children only. Parents have been asked to confirm if they will be taking up the offer of a place by Monday at the latest. No response will mean that no place will be offered.

Please have a watch of and share the 'Return to School' video attached to this newsletter with your child. It will help to prepare them for their school to school as it will be a bit different to before.

We will continue to review the situation over the next couple of weeks and confirm plans for other priority year groups to start phased returns later this term.

Uniform

Dorothy Parkes have set up a 'socially distanced' uniform exchange at their centre. Any unwanted uniform can be left outside their centre in a labelled bag on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you require any uniform, please complete the request form on their website (www.dorothyparkes.org).

Clive Mark have requested that parents using their store to purchase uniform set up an online account with them via their website. This will help them ensure that their stores do not become overwhelmed and also help them to implement social

distancing measures. They have also introduced a voucher system to enable families to spread the cost of uniform to make it more affordable to parents. More information can be found at www.clivemark.co.uk.

Contact information

If, for any reason, you are not receiving electronic communications from school (emails, texts etc) please contact school to make sure we have your most up-to-date contact information. It is also worth checking your junk and spam folders in case messages are being delivered there by mistake.

Radio Interview

A couple of weeks ago, I was asked to take part in a radio interview about the decision not to reopen Uplands Manor to extra children from 1st June. Lots of parents have found the interview really useful and asked me to share it more widely so that other parents could also listen if they haven't already. So ... here is the link to listen to the podcast:

https://s112.podbean.com/pb/3030368706f4774c3bf17eb16833b882/5eda3de4/data1/fs113/2947900/uploads/Andrew_Dickinson_btsug.m4a?pbss=e9d90f3c-ca99-573c-a828-69b7c5fc37df

Extra support from school

We understand that these are challenging and hard times for many families in our community. We have been working closely with families who we are aware 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.

Yours faithfully



Mr A Dickinson
Head Teacher