



UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of another half term, I want to thank you for your ongoing support and hard work during what is an unprecedented and difficult time for everyone. I would also like to thank my staff for all that they continue to do.

Eid

Eid Mubarak to all of our Muslim families. I hope you have a wonderful celebration this weekend.

Staying in touch

Many of you are regularly interacting and communicating with staff using Twitter and the year group email accounts. We are conscious that we are not managing to interact with all families. It is important that teachers and the children stay in contact and that we are supporting you as parents as much as we can. After half term, all teachers will be phoning you to make contact and to see how you are. The purpose of the call is to offer any support that you would like as parents and to answer any questions you may have about home learning, and also to speak with your children to see what they are up to and to hopefully give them a positive boost. *The calls are not being made to check up on you or to check what work has or hasn't been completed.*

Reports

Teachers are also creating end of year reports for the children. Obviously, this year they will be a little different but will give you some information about how your child was in school before lockdown and, importantly, the things that they need to continue to work on to make progress. I will update you about when these will be sent home in the coming weeks.

FSM (free school meals) Vouchers

Even though the government are not providing or funding FSM vouchers over half term, we are committed to supporting our families and have decided to do this ourselves and have bought all of our FSM families vouchers to cover the half term period. They will be the same as the vouchers you have received in recent weeks and should have been emailed out to you today. If you are having any issues or think your child might be entitled to receive FSMs, remember to email us at freeschoolmeals@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk.

Government's proposal for a phased re-opening of schools

I do not have much to update you on at the moment regarding a phased reopening of school. I explained earlier this week that we will not be reopening to any extra children from 1st June and that we would review the situation as new information, guidance and reassurances are released. Governors will be reviewing the situation regularly and I will update you when we know more.

Thank you for the overwhelming support we have received following our decision. It was not an easy decision to make but we will always put the safety and welfare of our community before anything else.

REMINDER: Home learning – packs available for collection

We have got printed copies of the work being set on our website for each year group available for parents to collect from school if you wish to do so. Packs are available for collection from Monday afternoon onwards each week. Unfortunately, unless there are exceptional circumstances, we are unable to post or deliver these to you.

As next week is half term, no home learning tasks will be being set. These will start again from Monday 1st June.

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.

Sad news

Some of you may remember a lunchtime supervisor who used to work at our school – Mrs Haberley. Unfortunately, she has died this week and our thoughts and best wishes go to her family and friends at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Dickinson', written in a cursive style.

Mr A Dickinson
Head Teacher