

Hartford Manor Primary School and Nursery

"Learning Together for Life"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Over the past three months we have all faced a high degree of uncertainty in our families, our work and our communities. Our school community has been incredibly supportive during the crisis and we have been thinking about how we can support children both in and out of school in the remaining weeks of the summer term.

Last week, it was announced that the Government decision to reopen for all pupils may not be possible. It is also clear that the requirement to reopen full time for Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year 6 whilst limiting class sizes to 15, would not allow wider reopening in many schools. We should know more about the Government's plans and the Local Authority's response later this week. I plan to host a Zoom Meeting for parents/carers at 2pm on Friday 19th June to talk about our next steps.

Waiting List

The current waiting list will close at midday on Wednesday 17th June so that we have time to make arrangements for new bubbles and to contact parents to confirm places, to start on Monday 22nd June. The offer of further places will depend on a number of factors:

- The latest government/LA guidance
- The control/number of outbreaks in school- currently 0
- Issues arising from the current risk assessment
- Staff availability.

Transition plans for current Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Year 5

Before the end of term, we aim for all children to have the opportunity to meet their new teacher. This will be in the form of an outdoor story time. We will arrange a separate time for those children who are at home, to come into school for a story time with their new teacher, too. More details to follow.

Over the summer break, the teachers will be preparing the classrooms and resources ready for the new school year. Once the classes are ready, the teachers plan to share a short video clip to show the children what their new classroom will look like when they return.

Year 6 celebration

We are aware that all of our Year 6 children would like to be able to say goodbye before the end of the school year. Instead of a Leavers' Disco, we are hoping an outdoor celebration/garden party will be possible, on the school field. A Y6 Zoom parent committee would be most welcome to help with the organisation for this. We would also like to hold an outdoor Leavers' Assembly on the same day.

End of Year Reports/Optional Parents' evening

Children who are in school will bring their reports home in the usual way. If your child is not in school, we are offering the opportunity for you and your child to come into school to collect the report from your child's teacher.

All families will be given the opportunity to book an optional end of year, outdoor appointment with the class teacher. Booking details to follow.

Home Learning

The teachers continue to set home learning for all children. If you have any queries or your child needs some support, please email homelearning@hartfordmanor.co.uk. The emails will be monitored by Mrs Bentley, during school hours from Monday to Friday lunchtime. She will be implementing a three stage support system:

1. Mrs Bentley will email a reply and send any electronic resources that will help.
2. Mrs Bentley will arrange a phone call or video call.
3. Mrs Bentley will book a phone call/video call with the year group teacher.

We will use Zoom for the video calls so it is important that the children are in presence of a trusted adult for the duration of the call. Support will be provided for children who need help or need signposting to other extension/support materials.

We hope that we have covered most things, for now. We will continue to update you all regularly.

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes

Mr S Kidwell
Head Teacher

Mrs J Diamond
Deputy Head Teacher