

Manland Primary School Newsletter



Friday 18th September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week here and the children continue to impress us with how quickly they are adapting to their new routines. Year 6 in particular, have been acting as responsible role models around the school, we are all very proud of them.

I am pleased to report that Reception class had their first full day in school on Wednesday and the children had an excellent day.

It's hard to believe that we are already thinking about school places for September 2021. I am looking forward to meeting prospective parents for our Reception cohort open evenings. Please see the information below for more details.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all of our staff, parents and carers for all of your hard work in getting the children back to school and ready to learn.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Wicks, Headteacher

Term dates



Autumn Term:

End of Autumn term: Friday 18th December 2020

Half term: Monday 26th October- Friday 30th October 2020

Occasional Day: Monday 23rd November 2020

Dates for Diary



Monday 9th October: Nurse visiting Year 6

Monday 12th October: Reception open evening – 7pm start

Friday 23rd October: House Learning Day

Saturday 31st October: Secondary School application deadline

Tuesday 3rd November: Reception open evening – 7pm start

Tuesday 10th November: Children's flu vaccinations

Monday 16th November: Anti-bullying week

Reception Open Evenings



We will soon be holding two open evenings for the September 2021 intake. These will take place on Monday 12th October and Tuesday 3rd November at 7pm.

If you have a child that is due to start reception next September and would like to come along, please call or email the school office to book a space. Due to following our risk assessment and keeping prospective parents and staff safe, the open evenings will be for adults only and we will be asking adults to wear face masks and to hand sanitise on arrival.

Safeguarding



It is very important in these current times to reinforce the message of handwashing for all our children. NHS guidelines state that we should all be washing our hands more often, for 20 seconds or longer using soap, water or hand sanitiser. Always wash your hands when you get home or into work, if you blow your nose, cough or sneeze and if you eat or handle food. We would appreciate it if you can continue to remind your child of this at home.

Twitter



Please follow us on Twitter @ManlandPrimary. Our tweets will help you gain an understanding of the children's experiences and learning across all of the subjects in our curriculum. We hope you enjoy sharing the children's learning with us.



Covid 19



If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Manland Primary School: What will happen if my child is absent from school?

The children have settled in really well into school life since the beginning of term. School does look a little different at the moment and we are really proud of how well our children have adapted to the ever changing picture.

With this in mind, we wanted to provide some information in the event of illness or self-isolation.

My child is poorly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No home learning to be provided
My child is off school: - Self isolating, waiting for a Covid 19 test, or result	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See online learning resources below
My child is off school: - Positive for Covid 19, or - Self isolating because of track and trace	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent/Carer will be emailed with:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brief outline of learning for next two weeks, including guidance for education closure• Child may access online learning resources below
My child's bubble has been sent home	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class teacher to set learning on Seesaw

Bug Club - Reading and comprehension https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk	TT Rockstars - Times table practise https://trockstars.com/
Online learning resources	
Spelling Shed - Spelling practise https://www.edshed.com	Maths Shed - Maths practise https://www.edshed.com

For password assistance, please contact: admin@manland.herts.sch.uk



Leaving school premises

Please can we remind all parents to leave the school site as quickly and safely as possible. Due to the one way system that is in place, it is taking slightly longer for everyone to leave the site. However, there are staff members that need to be able to leave promptly at the end of the day. Leaving promptly will also help to ensure we are following social distancing as far as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.



Behaviour Support course

If you feel that your family could benefit from learning new strategies and ideas to support your child with behaviour, Herts Family Centre are running a course free of charge.



Secondary School applications

Please be advised that Secondary admissions applications are now open for a place to start in September 2021. As most of you are already aware, primary children move up to their new schools at the end of Year 6.

The deadline for applications is 31st October 2020.

Please click on the link below to get further information on how to apply for a secondary place.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-and-upper-schools/secondary-and-upper-school-places.aspx#makinganapp>



Pupil Premium

School funding is critical at the moment, particularly for small schools such as Manland.

To assist school finances, please can we ask any parent or carer who has recently experienced redundancy or a decline in their financial situation, to consider whether they qualify for a free school meal for their child. A successful application will also result in the school receiving Pupil Premium funding for that child.

Pupil Premium is a grant that schools receive from the government in relation to pupils whose parents/carers have ever been in receipt of government benefits, such as:

- **Income based job seekers allowance**
- **Children Tax Credit, Working tax credit run-on**
- **Universal credit**

The grant is paid to the school no matter how short the period of the benefit claim.

Please see the attached "Free School Meal" factsheet attached to the newsletter for further details. If you think this applies to you, please can we encourage you to put in an application for free school meal (part of pupil premium).

How to apply?

Apply by visiting www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

You will need your National Insurance Number or Home Office number to hand.