



# MANOR PARK CE (VC) FIRST SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL

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Welcome back everyone.

It has been wonderful to walk around school this morning seeing all your children so settled in the classrooms. There is such a calm atmosphere around the school and they are doing so well building relationships with the staff and their friends. It has been lovely to see so many smiley faces. I'd like to thank my staff team for the thought and care they have shown in planning a wonderful first day back to support your child's well being.

As suspected, the most challenging part of the day is the drop off and I am assuming that this will also be the case for collection this afternoon. Although we knew that the quick turnaround would make drop off times busy, this has been put into place to support families with children in different year groups so that these families do not have to wait for too long to drop off. We are monitoring and reviewing this on a daily basis to try and make things run as smoothly as possible.

Therefore after a review this morning, the following changes are going to be made in the first instance.

- We are going to have a picture held up at the gate at the front of the line showing which class should be currently lining up to go into school. Also could we please ask that you try to come as near to your allocated time as possible.
- The lining up for Panda, Otter, Bumblebee, Meerkat and Hedgehog will be in the staff car park rather than along the pathway giving a little more room. It is at the **same gate** but lines will be added to help you with socially distancing in the car park.
- We are going to designate some space for a waiting zone in each area.
  - KS1 playground - waiting area is the coach zone
  - Double gate on the field - waiting area is the opposite pavement
  - Side Gate by Year 4 - waiting area is by the zebra crossing in the car park

The world around us has changed and I'm afraid we need to consider things that we once took for granted, social distancing being the main element. If you feel that the waiting zone is too crowded then please move yourself to a safe different area nearby.



Also in order to help with the amount of adults on site please can I remind you that it is ONLY 1 adult per child that can drop off and collect.

In response to the latest Government guidance about children safely returning to school we had asked children to only bring bookbags to school with essential items. We have become aware that this has been difficult for some people and so in working with you we will compromise and allow small backpacks. The only items that children are allowed to bring to school are their coat, lunchbox, snack, water bottle and in time, a reading book (issued by school). This is because one of the safety requirements set out for schools is to reduce the amount of items travelling between school and home.

Another safety requirement is to limit the children's movements in and out of communal areas to support social distancing. Therefore bookbags and lunch boxes will be housed from Year 1 to Year 4 under each individual child's desk, Reception are housing them slightly differently due to their needs. Therefore as much as possible, I would prefer your child to come into school with a book bag/carrier bag, lunch box and water bottle, however small backpacks can now be used, but must only contain the above mentioned items.

If you are coming to school by car, please note that the first car park is for St Osmund's staff and MUST NOT be used by Manor Park parents. The middle car park can be used by Manor Park, however in order to support disabled parents and carers, we request that this is not used unless you hold a blue badge.

We will keep all guidelines under constant review and consider any procedures we put into place and make any changes necessary.

Thank you to many of you for your kind words today, it has been great to welcome you all back.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

