



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

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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, we would like to say a massive thank you for adjusting so well to homeschooling your children at such short notice. We have been so impressed with all the work submitted so far on Tapestry and Google Classroom and we feel so lucky to have such dedicated families with such brilliant children.

The children working in school have adapted brilliantly - as we knew they would - to our new way of working in class bubbles and have demonstrated real maturity and resilience in settling down to the learning and in some cases working with new adults and children.

For those children working at home, please remember that we are still their teachers and still desperately want to support their learning in any way that we can. We truly understand the stresses of homeschooling whilst working yourself from home but as we have said before, your best really is good enough. If there are days when you don't manage to complete the home learning for whatever reason, please do not feel worried about this and do not feel that you need to catch up on this. If you have missed a day, simply move on with the learning posted for the following day. These are unsettling times and your family's well being is vitally important - activities such as walking, gardening, baking, playing games, art and craft and even snuggling up on the sofa with a good book or a movie are important too.

If you are having any difficulty accessing Google Classroom or Tapestry, please message the office and we will arrange for somebody to phone you and try to assist you with this. Although teachers are posting worksheets etc on Google Classroom, please remember that there is no obligation to print these. Your child can simply use the questions and record their answers on a separate sheet of paper or in their Lockdown book. If you have not yet been able to collect your child's Lockdown books then they are still here for collection or if you are unable to collect them please let us know and we will see what we can do to help. We hope that the books that the school is sending home will relieve some of the pressure. The White Rose Maths Books that Year 1 - Year 4 have received, belong to your children and so we expect them to write on them, just like they do in school. However, if you are unable to access Google Classroom and



require a printed pack, again please let us know and we will arrange for this to be done. These would then be ready for you to collect on a Monday from 12.00pm - 2.00pm, ready for that week's learning.

As we said in last week's letter, we have been trialling 'live teaching' in Key Stage 2. This has provided us with a live platform to teach your children at home. Year 4 will be commencing live teaching from next week and Year 3 will be trialling the 'live teaching'. Teachers have also been posting videos such as daily storytime and modelled handwriting. We are moving forward with this style of teaching at a fast pace and hope that you are finding that this is supporting home learning in a positive way.

Again, many thanks for all that you are doing at home to support your children's learning. Please remember that you can send private messages to staff through both Google Classroom and Tapestry with any questions or queries you may have and we will try to answer these as soon as we can. We will endeavour to respond to messages within 24 hours but we do not expect our staff to respond to messages that arrive after 5pm until the following day.

Kind regards

Mrs Jeffery and Mrs Derrien

