



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

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well and that you have had a successful week of learning either in school or at home.

## Questionnaire

Alongside this letter, you will be receiving a Google Form about our remote learning provision. As we now know for certain from yesterday's announcement that schools will definitely remain closed to the majority of children until at least March 8th, it seemed sensible to gather some feedback from you and your children about the remote learning provision that we are offering so that we can continue to develop and improve our practice and therefore support you at home as effectively as we can. The form only takes a few moments to complete but your feedback and suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Please can this be completed by the end of day on Tuesday 2nd February in order that your responses can be taken into account as soon as possible.

## Staff CPD

During yesterday's teacher meeting, the staff had a remote learning CPD session which was an opportunity for us to learn about the latest remote teaching theory and teaching strategies. It also reassured us that our remote learning package is forward thinking and an example of good teaching and learning.

## Live Lessons

The live learning lessons continue to be a huge success. Year 2 have taken part in their first Live Teaching lessons this week and these have been a big success and Live sessions are being planned for Y1 for next week. There is some healthy and good natured competition creeping in amongst teachers regarding the number of children attending a LIVE session and it really is lovely for us to see the children at home engaging with these sessions. Our goal is that all children will benefit from this new way of teaching. With that in mind, please can we ask parents of children who are **In School** to complete the Google Form to give permission for children to take part in the LIVE sessions, as some sessions may be filmed during the in school sessions and delivered to the whole class at once. We would like to thank the Key Stage 2 children and families for answering the safeguarding questions at the beginning of the call and for always being in a downstairs space with the children being appropriately dressed. Now that this practice is embedded, we will no longer be asking these questions at the beginning of the call, and as is our usual safeguarding practice if staff have any concerns during the live teaching sessions phone calls will be made home. Once Key Stage 1 is at a similar position with the Live Teaching lessons the same practice will apply.



## Denied entry

Please remember that your device must be logged in using your child's google account, otherwise you will not be able to join the live sessions. If you are trying to join and receive a message saying that you have been denied entry, this will be because your computer is logged in using an adult's google account. If this happens, please don't worry - simply log out, log back in as your child and try again to join the Google Meet session and we will let you into the call.

## Printed work feedback sheet

For those of you collecting printed packs of work for your children, we know that it really motivates the children when they know that their class teacher will see the work and feedback on it. Therefore, we are going to trial sending the packs home to you as normal but in zippy wallets. If you are doing work in the book provided that's fine but any work done on printed sheets, we would request that you return these in the zippy wallet when you come to collect the next work pack. We will then quarantine these sheets before passing them onto the class teacher who will look at the work and write a feedback message to be included in your next work pack. In order to reduce things going backwards and forwards between home and school, we request that you keep any books at home and only return the loose sheets. Once these have been returned to school, this is where they will stay. Just the feedback sheet will be given to you. This has commenced this week, and we look forward to seeing the children's learning returned next week.

Once again, please can we say a heartfelt thank you for everything that you are doing to support your children both at home and in school. More than ever at the moment, teaching really is a partnership between home and school and we have been really impressed by the dedication and hard work that we have been seeing, from not only your children but the adults too.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jeffery and Mrs Derrien

