

5th June 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Welcome letter for new Reception starters

We are delighted to hear that you have accepted a place for your child at Manor Park School and Nursery. The information below should begin to help you plan for them starting school. We recognise that starting school is an important milestone in your family life and we are keen to welcome you into our school community.

To keep our school family safe, our Summer Term transition programme will now be done remotely due to the Covid-19 situation, see the timetable below (This has now replaced the proposed transition dates and events in Mr. Cotterill's letter dated 4th May as we are following government guidelines). This transition will give you the information you need, help us get to know your child and plan how we can prepare for the best start to school for them.

5th June	A presentation for new Reception parents has been attached alongside this letter and is available on the school website on the 'New starters for September 2020' page. This will give you information usually shared at the 'New Starters' face to face meeting for families. It will answer a lot of the questions you may have about the practicalities of your child starting school at Manor Park including: staffing, what the day looks like, the learning environment, uniform, curriculum, lunches etc. It also includes ways you can help your child to prepare for starting school.
Week of 8 th June	<p>So you and your child can get to know the Reception staff, there will be a pre-recorded 'Zoom' chat where they will introduce themselves. This will also be available on the school website on the 'New starters for September 2020' page.</p> <p>Reception teachers will continue to make contact with your child's pre-school settings, where Nursery staff can pass on any relevant information about your child.</p> <p>The staff will lead a virtual tour of the school and Reception learning environment. This will be available on the school website on the 'New starters for September 2020' page, to help familiarise you and your child with our school.</p>
Throughout June and July	<p>Each week the Reception staff will record themselves reading a story. This will be available on the school website on the 'New starters for September 2020' page.</p> <p>Every family will be offered an individual call for parents to meet and chat to the Reception teachers. This will be a great opportunity to ask any questions or concerns you have and tell us about your child. It would be lovely if your child could join in for part of the call.</p>



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We will send you an email each time an update is made available on the school website.

We appreciate that these are challenging times and we will share with you changes about how school will practically function as guidance is published and school adapts. If in the meantime you have any questions, please call the school and leave a message and we will get back to you or email- admin@manorpark.cheshire.sch.uk

We look forward to meeting you all.

Mrs. S Devenport and Mrs. L Power
Reception teachers

