



## MANEY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

### September re-opening of Maney Hill Primary School for all children

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020, the Prime Minister informed us that all schools would close at the end of that week, except for the children of key workers and vulnerable children. Many months later, the Senior Leadership Team, Governing Board and all staff have been working hard to prepare for the full re-opening of Maney Hill Primary School on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020. Although further government guidance may mean our plans have to change, we are united in our wish to see all children return to school.

We have a highly dedicated staff and we're pleased to have remained open throughout the lockdown, providing full-time schooling for the children of key workers and vulnerable children and more recently a part-time return to school for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. In planning for September, our first priority is the large number of children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 who have remained at home since March. We will have two Transition Mornings at the end of this term for all children to return to school and spend time with their teacher and teaching assistant in their current classroom.

Our plans are as follows:

#### Current arrangements finish on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July:

- Final day at Maney Hill for all Year 6 children
- Last day for Key Worker, Reception and Year 1 children being taught in bubbles. Children will attend one of the Transition Mornings

#### Transition Mornings on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July:

- All children in Reception – Year 5 will have one transition morning with their current teacher in their current classroom.
- Children may bring in examples of Home Learning to share with the teacher and the class.
- Children will be in bubbles of 15, attending school on either Thursday or Friday morning – *please indicate your preference on the application form.*
- Children should bring a packed lunch. School packed lunches can be provided for children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and those entitled to free school meals – *please indicate on the application form.*

### School Hours for July Transition Mornings

	Reception & Year 1	Year 2 & Year 3	Year 4 & Year 5
<b>Start time</b>	8.30am	8.45am	9.00am
<b>Lunch time</b>	11.30am	12pm	12.30pm
<b>Collection time</b>	12pm	12.30pm	1.00pm

### School Hours from September

	Reception & Year 1	Year 2 & Year 3	Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
<b>Start time</b>	8.30am	8.45am	9.00am
<b>Lunch time</b>	11.30am – 12.30pm	12pm – 1pm	12.30pm – 1.30pm
<b>Collection time</b>	3pm	3.15pm	3.30pm

We have a duty of care to all the staff and children. A small number of staff will continue working from home. Where the current teacher is unable to be in school, we will arrange for another member of Maney Hill staff to be in the classroom with the children. We're sure that parents and children will enjoy being back in school, seeing friends and familiar places, sharing stories and having time to look forward to being properly back in September.

Re-opening school represents a considerable challenge and we are doing what we can to reduce the risk to staff, children and parents of Covid-19 infection. For those members of staff who are able to come into school, despite their dedication to helping children learn and develop, their health and safety and that of the children is paramount. Please find enclosed our plans for reducing risk and our one-way system for the playground.

**If you would like your child to attend school, please complete the enclosed application form and return as soon as possible, no later than 4pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020.**

We sincerely hope to have Maney Hill Primary School as back to normal as possible in September. However, whilst the Covid-19 risk may have reduced we are not yet through the pandemic. During the coming months we will do all we can to support children and families. Please remember we may have more uncertain times ahead. Thank you to all parents and carers for your sustained efforts in providing Home Learning during challenging times. We firmly believe that school is the best place for children and we're pleased to begin the reopening of Maney Hill Primary School for all children.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher



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Co-Chair of Governors



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