



# Manor Green Primary Academy

'We are the future - the world is in our hands.'

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we near the end of this academic year I am writing to you to outline the exciting opportunities and some practicalities for the coming academic year 2018-2019.

## Bags

We have recently had an updated fire assessment undertaken and this identified that we need to reposition children's coats into the classrooms. We have begun to do this already and, as I'm sure you can imagine, 30 coats and bags do take up space in the classroom. In order to ensure that they don't impact too much on our learning spaces we are respectfully requesting that children bring small bags – such as their book bags and pump bags – to school, rather than large rucksack type bags. Thank you for your support with this.

## Polling Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Despite checking with the Local Authority the date for Polling in 2019, I was informed yesterday that it is 2<sup>nd</sup> May not the 9<sup>th</sup> May as we had factored into our planned INSET days. **The 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 will now be a closure day to children instead of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019.** Apologies for this, the saving grace is that we know now rather than closer to the time!

## Library spaces

We are having two library spaces made and installed over the summer break. The Junior library will be housed in room off the hall and the infant library will be in its current location but will be re-modelled. This is being undertaken by Book Spaces for Schools and we're very excited to share these with you when we return in September. As you may have guessed reading and reading for pleasure will be a big priority for us in the academy next year so please keep your eyes open for our events that you can get involved in.

## Trips and educational visits

We have had had lots of conversations this year regarding trips and especially the cost of these. We have decided that we would like to take every child to two trips in the year: the pantomime at the Palace Theatre, Manchester in December 2018, and the beach at St Anne's in June 2019.

Friends of Manor Green will be paying for the coach place for the pantomime for every child and half of the cost of the coach for the beach trip for every child. In total this is a contribution from the fundraising efforts of just over £4000. We will be asking for parents to pay the remainder of the cost per child. Information about this will be added to parent pay before we finish for the summer break.

There will be additional educational opportunities for all classes, but we will endeavour to keep the costs of these to the bare minimum so that all children can experience the Pantomime and Beach visits which are treats rather than specific activities linked to the curriculum.

## Our Curriculum

We are transitioning to a re-vamped curriculum next year which is linked to opportunities for linking skills in a variety of subjects with English and Maths in particular. We will be running parent workshops in the Autumn Term to update you about the exciting adaptations we are making!

Following advice from Tameside Music Service we will be introducing a Samba Band in place of the Brass Band for the coming academic year. The advice is linked to progression in skills for the children taking part. We are excited to develop this alongside the music service as they are endeavouring to create an authority wide Samba band which we can play an instrumental part in (pardon the pun!) All classes will also have a 40 minute curriculum music lesson on a weekly basis and we will be continuing to offer a range of musical opportunities as part of our extra-curricular provision.

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**Extra-curricular provision and after school clubs**

Our recently introduced Breakfast Club is proving very popular and will continue to run next year from 8.20am daily. Children will have the opportunity to complete homework here as well if they've not had time the night before, and also to access our new libraries.

You may have received a letter re: football provision, which will be offered by Haughton Green Juniors FC, following the foundations of our successful partnership this academic year. We are currently sourcing dance provision to offer as well. On Thursday this week the junior children will be introduced to a Nerf Club which will run next year. Costs of these are kept to a minimum to ensure that all parents who want their children to participate in these activities have an opportunity to do so.

In addition to the above we will have a range of opportunities provided by our staff and as part of our service-level agreement with Active Tameside they will provide the following:

<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Summer Term</b>
Football – girls	Volleyball	Archery
Dance (both key stages)	Rugby	Golf
Cheerleading	Hockey	Athletics
	Football	

**Pebble request please!!**

In the first week back in September we will be creating some cooperative large scale art work. We would like each child to bring in a pebble or rock that they can paint as part of one of our projects. When you are out and about over the summer break please could you collect a pebble for your child to bring in and paint?

Lastly, thank you to all of you for your support over this academic year and especially since January. We are building a Manor Green that is truly focussed on ensuring that all children achieve their potential in all that they do and that they know that the world is in their hands. I look forward to working with you further from September.

On behalf of all of the staff, we hope that you have a lovely summer break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs D Warren

Principal