



Manor Green Primary Academy

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

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Dear parents and carers,

What a fabulous first day back. It was a delight to see all those smiling faces as the school day started... it was great to see the children's smiling faces too! Our children are a credit to you with how smart they looked ready for the new Manor Green year. The academy building looks incredible after all of our summer works. Thanks to all parents and carers who passed on their positive comments this morning, they are very much appreciated. Also, thanks to all staff and contractors who were involved in the summer works to ensure that our building was ready for children this morning – it was a close call but #TeamManorGreen pulled it off!

In our assembly this morning, we discussed new beginnings and how, although daunting, the new school year gives us chance to start a fresh and focus on achieving everything we want to. We also discussed how, through working together, we really can make a difference to everyone in our school community. I am genuinely excited to see what this year has in store for us all at Manor Green.

Welcome to Manor Green!

Today we welcomed all our new starters in our Nursery and Reception classes. It was a pleasure to see them loving their new classrooms and getting involved in the many learning opportunities that our EYFS team have provided for them. We're looking forward to getting to know our new children and their families as the year progresses.



In addition to welcoming our new children, we're also delighted to welcome Mrs. Cawley as 4C's class teacher and Mrs. Arnold joins us as a teaching assistant supporting in Year 3. As you'll know from Mrs. Rowland's letter, shared yesterday [via this link](#), we're also pleased to welcome Miss Thornton, our Academy Improvement Partner, as Interim Principal at Manor Green.

During assembly this morning, children had the opportunity to say hello to Mr. Sidall who will be working with us to support PE teaching as part of our ongoing partnership with Active Tameside.

It's also been a very successful first day in their new roles for Rachel and Tracey in our kitchen. They've led the team successfully to produce the first of many delicious meals – thank you!

From next week, we'll be saying 'Hola, buenos días!' to Mr. James as he joins us each Tuesday to support our Spanish teaching across Key Stage 2. Mr. James is a language specialist and is looking forward to getting to know our children who he briefly met during his visit to school today.

Also, not quite a welcome but, Mrs. Pickerill will now be known as Ms. Pillow so please be sure to say hi to Ms. Pillow in the morning!

'Care, Share, Fair, Dare, Healthy & Happy'



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Snacks – a healthy reminder...

Following questions and comments from parents and carers, we would like to remind you all that children should bring healthy snacks to school and sugary treats should be avoided. As we are aware this is a point of interest for many of you, we will be consulting with children, staff and parents to ensure that a final definition of what we all consider 'healthy snacks' to be.

Uniform

As I stated at the beginning of my letter, our children looked so smart this morning as they started their first day of this new school year. In order to ensure that our children continue to look as smart as they did today, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify some points about uniform:

- Children should wear a bottle green jumper or cardigan: hoodies are not appropriate school attire.
- Any hair that is long enough, whether boy or girl, needs to be tied back. This is for health and safety reasons but also limits the opportunities for any crawlies to be transferred.
- Please ensure that earrings are studs only. These will be covered for PE sessions. If children wear anything other than studs, they will be asked to remove them. Again, this is for health and safety reasons so we would like to thank you in advance for your support in this matter.
- Children should wear black school shoes. Trainers are not appropriate for the school day. If children want to change into trainers for their break times, this is, of course, absolutely fine.
- Please try to ensure that children are wearing black, grey or white socks.
- And finally, please ensure that all items of uniform are labelled with name and class. Remember that class names are now year group number and teacher surname initial so this should fit fine on the label.

Pastoral Team

This year, we are pleased to announce that we have been able to increase the capacity of our Pastoral Team to ensure that our children are able to get the important emotional well-being support that they need. Our Pastoral Team now consists of the following members of staff:

- **Mrs. Pearson – Assistant Principal**
Mrs. Pearson, alongside Mrs. Hickling, will be overseeing the work of our Pastoral Team to ensure that support for those children who need it most is targeted and timely.
- **Mrs. Hickling – Pastoral Manager**
Mrs. Hickling will continue with her valuable work on safeguarding and child protection across the academy with an increased focus on attendance and punctuality. She will continue to be a key contact for families who need additional support and guidance.
- **Ms. Lomas – Learning Mentor**
Ms. Lomas will be focusing her time on 1:1 and small group work to utilise her training and relationships that she has with our children. She will continue to be available for all children to chat to and catch up with at break and lunch times.
- **Mrs. Slann & Miss Connor – Teaching Assistants**
Mrs. Slann will be working with our KS2 children and Miss Connor with our KS1 children. Mrs. Slann and Miss Connor will be focusing on the 'day to day' support across their particular phases. In addition to this, you will also see Mrs. Slann and Miss Connor at the gates in the morning, this is to allow you to have the chance to get to know them but also pass on any particular concerns or comments that you may have. Members of the Senior Leadership Team will, of course, still be present on the gates too.

Website

Please be patient with us as we update our website to ensure that all information featured is current, correct and, most importantly, relevant! If you think that there is something missing from our website that would be beneficial, please let us know. Curriculum overviews and Home Learning Challenge Grids will be added shortly.



Senior Leadership Team

As it's the start of the new school year, and there have been some changes, I'm sharing

a reminder of who the SLT are at Manor Green. As always, you can speak to any member of the Manor Green team about any questions, concerns or positive comments that you may have.

Miss T. Thornton	Academy Improvement Partner for Focus-Trust and Interim Principal
Mr. S. Mycroft	Vice Principal
Mrs. K. Pearson	Assistant Principal and KS2 Phase Lead
Ms. R. Pillow	Assistant Principal and KS1 Phase Lead
Miss V. Read	Assistant Principal, EYFS Lead and SENDCo
Mrs. A. Hickling	Pastoral Manager
Mrs. F. Miles	Assistant Principal (Non-teaching) & School Business Manager

It really has been a great start to the new academic year and we are all excited to see what this year holds.



Thank you for your continued help and support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mr. S. Mycroft". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mr. S. Mycroft
Vice Principal