

Contact  
Email  
Blog  
Direct Dial

Gill Graham  
[manorparkschool@aberdeencio.v.uk](mailto:manorparkschool@aberdeencio.v.uk)  
[www.manorpark.aberdeen.sch](http://www.manorpark.aberdeen.sch)  
01224 812060



Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Manor Park School  
Danestone Circle  
Aberdeen,

Dear Parents/Carers

### Review of First Week Back:

Firstly, can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and positivity given the unusual circumstances we find ourselves in. It was lovely to see almost all the children back.

I wanted to write as we continue to review our first week back at school and make changes to support our approaches to Health and Safety. The staff team have been reviewing risk assessments each day, after they have been put into practice, to assess whether we need to change or reinforce procedures. I have also had some feedback from parents and I appreciate you taking the time to do so. Could we ask that you take on board the following information and reinforce this with your child/ren.

### Entry and Exit:

P1- P7 pupils should only enter and exit at the two gates (Fowler Avenue and Danestone Circle). You will see that at times this may become crowded and I would ask that you make sure of the following:

- Please line up along the fence (2 metres apart) and wait for your child's turn to enter. I appreciate it might be considered an inconvenience, but you will appreciate we need to do this to keep everyone safe.
- Please do not stand on the road with children or as adults.
- Please do not stand at the gate waiting as this impact on staff's ability to maintain 2 metre distancing.
- Teaching staff will now leave the children at the playground and should you wish to talk to them we would ask that you phone the school.
- Please only arrive at your child's allotted time. The staggered starts/finishes will be in place for term 1 and then be reviewed. If you have children starting at different times then please put both children in at the earlier time and they will be able to wait in the playground with staff. If you only have 1 child then please put them in at their allotted time, and no earlier, as this will impact on the numbers of parents at the different times.
- The timings are as follows **with P1s using these times once their 3 week induction has been completed:**

8.45am start with a 2.45pm finish	9am start with a 3pm finish
P1/2 Miss Casey/Miss Downie	P1/2 Miss Forbes
P2/3 Miss Johnstone/Miss Scott	P3 Miss Reid/Mrs Banks
P4 Miss Gunn	P4/5 Miss Bradley
P5/6 Mrs Tidswell	P6 Miss Weir

**Together Everyone Achieves More (Team MP)**  
**Play Learn Grow**

	P7 Miss Kidd
	P7 Mr Murray

### **School Dinners/Lunches:**

Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals, and those who wish School Dinners, will for the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> August have access to a school pack lunches (with ham/cheese sandwiches) on offer. If you wish children can come with their own pack lunch. The full dinner service (hot meals etc) will be available from 24<sup>th</sup> August.

P1-P3 are entitled automatically to free school meals. Primary 4 to Primary 7 must apply for Free School Meals and provide evidence via

<https://www.aberdeency.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/school-life/apply-free-school-meals>

Currently there is a delay with new lunch cards etc and I know some have struggled to top up. I am following this up this week. Children will still get a lunch.

### **Playground:**

When the children are in the playground we are using areas and staggered breaks/lunches. The children are being kept in their class “bubble” and therefore are playing in class groups. Please reinforce to your child that where possible they should remain with children from their class.

### **PE:**

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Armstrong (our new PE teacher) to our school. She will be doing PE with all children and we would ask that they do not bring PE kit with them. We will be doing PE outside.

### **School Uniform:**

We have the change from School Uniform ready for parents/carers and this will be sent home on Monday (as we are required to leave it for 72 hours before sending it home). This will be given to your child at the end of the day.

### **Breakfast Club:**

We are having to prepare risk assessments and have confirmation that we can start Breakfast Club again. The Breakfast Club will only be allowed limited numbers and priority will be given to those children who have parents who are working. I will follow this up with more detail once I have had further discussions with the Authority’s Central Team.

I know that there are actions which some might consider a hassle, but it is essential we continue to follow these rules in order to maintain the safety of Team MP. **Social distancing amongst adults/households must be maintained at all times.** We were delighted to see the children back and we need to make sure we are doing everything we can to support them to return safely.

Please contact the school office should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

Gill Graham  
Head Teacher