

Tuesday 24th March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

I must start with a huge 'thank you' to all parents and carers who have adjusted schedules, work routines and childcare provision to help us support the NHS by keeping your child/ren at home. This has enabled a massive reduction in the provision we need to provide.

As we are all aware, however, for some this is impossible as they are providing critical services in the battle against Covid-19. For the small number of children of those parents and those students who have an EHCP or are looked after, we have had an excellent day completing a range of activities. Having said this, the numbers of students attending are so small that we can minimise the risk both to the children and our staff by streamlining the provision we offer.

Therefore, from Wednesday 25th March the Nene Education Trust school closure provision will now all take place at **Windmill Primary School, Raunds.**

The Manor School Sports College site will close except for the collection of free school meals.

We continue to follow the advice of the government which has placed strict measures on movement, contact and whom is eligible to access school provision. If your child is in year 9 or below and you meet the key worker criteria, have an EHCP or are a looked after child there is provision available but again we would urge you to only use us if absolutely necessary.

We have contacted most key worker families today to see if you still require a place. Many of you have decided that, following the Prime Ministers' announcement yesterday, you would prefer to keep your child/ren at home. We support this decision wholeheartedly.

If you fit into **all** of the following categories please contact us on keyworker@manor.school or telephone Windmill Primary School to let us know if you still require a place:

- you are an identified Key Worker
- we have not been able to contact you today
- your child was not in school today

Children of Key Workers

If you are a key worker and your child didn't attend today, it is essential that you have provided a copy of your key worker ID (i.e. payslip identification, ID badge etc). You will either have attached it to the Nene Education Trust form when you returned it or you will ensure a copy is brought to school on the first day that the provision is used where it will be signed off by a member of staff.



MANOR SCHOOL SPORTS COLLEGE

The only aspect of the provision that has changed is the location. For a reminder of the following aspects that remain the same please refer to my letter from 23rd March which was emailed out yesterday and can be found on the school website.

- Timings of the school day
- Work and Activities
- Bus Routes and timings – the only change is there will be no Manor School stop
- Uniform
- Free School Meals – any queries contact **FSM@neneeducationtrust.org.uk**

Safeguarding

If students, parents and carers have any concerns at all about health, wellbeing or safeguarding please email our Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead, Sarah Mitchell on smitchell@manor.school

I will continue to try and write regularly, with updates and information, throughout the closure and students will receive their weekly welfare check-ins from a member of Manor School staff.

Social Distancing and self-isolation

We have been contacted by the local police regarding the fact there are many school aged young people not in home, with the parks being a particular focal point. I absolutely recognise that an indefinite period at home may be hard to manage with active young people. However, schools have closed to aid the protection of health and wellbeing, to stop the spread and to protect the NHS. The government has imposed strict guidelines that you should remain indoors, unless shopping infrequently for basic necessities; medical reasons and travelling to and from work if 'absolutely necessary'. I urge you to follow these guidelines stringently otherwise the coronavirus will continue to spread and it will take much longer to return to our normal lives.

I thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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