

17 April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Last night, the government extended the lockdown period until at least the 8th May. So, as we come to the end of the Easter holiday period I thought I would write to update you on the provision Manor School are continuing to put in place for our students. I hope that this correspondence finds you safe and well and that you are coping well with any additional pressures the current situation may bring.

Key Worker Provision

Manor staff continue to be involved in providing secondary provision for Nene Education Trust at the hub facility at Windmill School, for the children of key workers and those who are Looked After Children or have an EHCP. This provision was in place throughout the Easter holiday period and will continue to be in place for as long as is necessary. I would like to thank the key worker parents, not only for their continued work on the front line, but also for their kind feedback about the service that we are providing.

Free School Meals (FSM)

The Manor School catering team have provided pack up meals for all students eligible for FSM since mid-March as well as providing the meals for Windmill. The FSM have been distributed using the Manor school bus contract around to the local villages. Again, this has continued throughout Easter.

From Monday 20th April, we have signed up to the government's voucher scheme with parents eligible for FSM receiving a voucher that they can spend locally. As you may have read, the national processes for delivering this have not been robust however, in spite of several days of frustration, we have now done everything we can at our end to set up this facility. However, if there are any issues regarding FSM please contact FSM@neneeducationtrust.org.uk

Home Learning

New work for each subject will be published via the school website under the '**subject specific home learning**' button from Monday 20th April. Tasks for each subject and year group have been set.

Additional tasks and resources continue to be available for off-screen learning, or additional tasks where necessary. These can be found by the '**additional home learning**' button on the school website. Some of the tasks may include links to further resources or support which will be shared with students via Show My Homework.

During the subject times shown on the timetable, subject staff remain available to support and help students in their work. They should email the relevant subject email addresses from their Manor School email account. Staff response is guaranteed during these times. At all other times, emails will be dealt with within two school days where possible.

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Staff will only respond to emails from students Manor School accounts. If technical issues exist, for example students are unable to access their school email or Show My Homework, they should email homelearning@manor.school and a member of the IT Support team will be in touch. For additional security, someone from IT Support may phone parents to confirm password details.

As we move forwards into May, more specific tasks will be provided for year 10 and year 12 students that will need to be completed and submitted for marking. More details will follow in due course.

Welfare Calls

Welfare calls will continue to take place weekly, with tutors contacting students via email accounts to check welfare. We ask that students respond and parents support this to avoid any unnecessary home visits.

Year 11 and Year 13 Grades

We have now received more details about how exam gradings which have been described previously in the letter of 6th April from Mr Hurren. Within our school team we have established a robust process to complete the grading process with several quality assurance checks built in to ensure we are as accurate as possible with our ranking processes. This process will begin in earnest on 20th April 2020.

Transition

We have several groups of students who are involved in transition processes: either in year 6, year 9 or year 11. I want to provide reassurance here that we are well on top of these processes and have developed timelines for each cohort. These timelines have been extended in comparison to a 'normal' year as communication is not as straight forward as when we are in school. I thank you in advance for your patience and understanding regarding these processes.

Students and parents will be contacted in good time to ensure that they have all the information they need for our new year 6 students coming into year 7; year 9 into 10 option preferences and year 11 students moving into the 6th Form.

In order that we can return to school as soon as possible, please contribute to the national effort to fight Covid-19 by staying at home to support the NHS and save lives.

With the very best wishes

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