

Your Children Leading the Way

A warm welcome back to you and a huge thank you for your support in the reopening of our school. The drop off and collection of children was a real challenge for us but with your cooperation it has gone very well overall. We will be reviewing the system in the coming weeks and considering the safety measures in place. Please can I remind all parents to socially distance whilst waiting outside of the school. Thank you also for 'holding back' until your child's allocated time. This allows the system to keep flowing and avoids blocking the view of the parents in the queue.

A priority for the whole school family when planning for reopening was the happiness of the children. We spent a lot of time focusing on preparing for unsettled children and interventions for those who found the return difficult. I have been amazed by the ease of which all the children have settled back into their school and our first day back felt largely like any other, following a summer holiday. This really is testament to the care, guidance and support you have shown your children and how the staff have focused on the children in their care. There will still be many questions raised in the coming weeks and we will constantly be reviewing all elements of school life but I am very pleased with the start our school family has made. I am incredibly proud of the children.

I will be looking to gather your feedback in the coming weeks too, a questionnaire will be sent out with an opportunity for parents and carers to raise any questions, concerns or support for measures implemented so far. Much of our school success has begun with ideas/suggestions planted by children or their families.

Parent Focus Group (second Friday in every term 9.45am)

Parent Focus Group has also played an important role in our school since we opened. It is an informal meeting (normally over coffee in our staffroom) and an opportunity for me to chat with families about various elements of school life and seek opinions and suggestions. If you are able to attend an informal group chat with me Friday 11th September 9.45am then please email office@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk. Depending on numbers of adults able to attend will dictate how we meet and still ensure social distancing. I will then confirm the details the day before.

We will be spending the next few weeks focusing on identifying your child's learning traits, what are the key areas of learning we would like them focus on and their talents and skills and personal development. This does not mean a surge of tests for the children but it does mean we intend to have some detailed feedback on your child's starting points for this year that we look forward to discussing with you. This term we will feedback to you what we are doing in school to support your child's progress and what you can do at home too.

Thank you once again for your support and please do not hesitate to contact any of our staff if you have any questions in the coming days and weeks.

Matt Rawling
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