



MANORSIDE  
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Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Staffing**

Manorside Academy, like so many other schools across the South West continues to struggle with recruitment and retention of staff. I have been in education for nearly 25 years and I have never known the industry to be struggling so much. Gone are the days when there was only staff movement at the end of the year, now staff move throughout the year. With the rising cost of living, staff are having to make tough decisions about where they work, when they work and work life balance to support their own families.

After 12 years at Manorside Mrs Blake will be leaving us to take on new challenges, she will be greatly missed by children and families across our community. Mrs King will be joining us in January as our new Vice Principal, some of you may already know Mrs King from St Aldhelms.

Mrs Cuff will be joining a Multi Academy Trust in Wimborne to continue her career, after teaching at Manorside for 10 years. Mrs Hallums has returned from maternity in December and will take over the class and the Phase Leadership in January. Miss Paris will continue in 3AP until the end of the year.

Miss Kearns has taken on another teaching role in Broadstone and her next step in her new career and she will be replaced by Miss Gross.

Mrs Cross is returning in January to her Reception class and will work with Miss Clothier in the Spring term until she returns full time.

Mrs Curtis has been promoted to Vice Principal, starting in January and she is very excited to take up her new post in addition to her current class teacher role.

Mrs Rowe will continue to lead her Year 6 class and Mrs Winton will be leaving us to take on a new role at Upton Juniors.

We have already welcomed Miss Humphrey, TA, Mr Lee-Lane, TA and Mr Hansford, Learning Mentor into our school and we are accepting voluntary parent helpers, which can lead to roles in schools. We are very much looking forward to welcoming more volunteers into our school.

As part of the ongoing support and challenge for all schools within the Trust, Manorside Academy had a review last week and I wanted to keep you updated with some of our strengths and what aspects we are continuing to work on.

The review team recognised how leaders prioritise reading across the school and that there is a love of reading and being read to. Further work to embed reading independence and catch up the few children who are struggling has already started. They also found a strength to be how fluency in maths is prioritised; this is also an area you can continue to support with at home by supporting your child to use Numbots or Times Table Rockstars.

The Curriculum is fit for purpose and demonstrates a good variety of topics to interest children and learn the right skills in the right order.

Whilst the team recognised the high level of special needs we have at Manorside, they commended the Inclusivity of the culture from adults and children. The children spoke openly about their own needs and strategies that they used to help them learn.

### **Curriculum**

I would also like to inform you about how you can find out what your child is learning each term in school. Our website has recently been updated with the Curriculum Maps for each year group in the school. These documents highlight the main topic for each half term, the books the children will be reading in class, as well as an in-depth breakdown of what is covered in each subject. These documents are created to inform you about the learning in each year group but also to support you to engage with

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your children about their learning. They are on this page of the school website - Curriculum - Curriculum Maps (<https://www.manorside-academy.co.uk/curriculum/curriculum-maps/>)

If you have any questions about these documents, then please do not hesitate to ask us on the gate.

### **Consideration to our neighbours and each other**

Once again, we had some very upset and frustrated neighbours because some of our parents parked across their driveways at the end of the day. I cannot say strongly enough, do not park across our neighbours' driveway, they are in constant use and we all want to be able to live and work together and look after each other. BCP traffic enforcement have been contacted and will be supporting improvements. A number of parents have alerted me to a minority of parents who have demonstrated aggressive and sometimes threatening behaviours on the roads, sometimes in front of our children. I know this is only a few parents but we cannot have this type of behaviour as it is dangerous, upsetting and not a good role model for our children. Please let's make it better, for our children.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Please see attached link for guidance from the DfE <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/aaa->

### **Support to combat the cost of living crisis**

[BCHA Learn multiplies support to combat cost of living crisis](#)

[guide-for-parents-on-school-attendance.pdf?utm\\_source=12%20December%202022%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](#)

How would you like to gain new skills relevant to your individual needs? BCHA Learn are running a range of sessions in the new year to help you improve your budgeting, manage your tenancy and learn how to shop, cook and eat healthily on a budget.



If you are over 19 and would like to join the Multiply programme, complete the [online referral form](#) or alternatively call one of the team on [01202 410595](tel:01202410595) or email [bchalearn@bcha.org.uk](mailto:bchalearn@bcha.org.uk).

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### **Breakfast and After School Clubs**

If you would like your child to attend breakfast club, you must book by 2.00pm the day before. Breakfast club starts at 7.40am and costs £3.25 per session. If you would like your child to attend afterschool club, you must book by 2.00pm the same day. Afterschool club finishes promptly at 5.30pm and costs £6.00 per session. Both these clubs can be booked in advance.

### **Lunches**

If you would like your child to have hot school lunches, you must order by midnight on Tuesdays. If no selection is recorded you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch. It is possible to book ahead to January, if this is something you would like to do. We do not order 'spare' lunches and we are unable to hold spare food, so please ensure you have provided either an ordered lunch or a packed lunch.

### **Social Media**

After completing a parent survey regarding which social media platform parents would like, the results showed that 94% of parents who completed the form would like the school to use Facebook instead of Twitter. We have now created a Facebook page where you will be able to see curriculum and school events, updates and any other important information. Please search for [www.facebook.com/ManorsideAcademyInfo](https://www.facebook.com/ManorsideAcademyInfo) where you will be able to follow the school page. We look forward to sharing lots of photos and information with you in the future!

### **Clubs**

There will be new clubs in January. More details to follow

### **Reminder dates for calendar**

Thursday 5th January – Pupils first day back

Tuesday 17th January – MAA meeting 2.00pm

Yours sincerely

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