

## Parent Questionnaire

A huge thank you to everyone who has responded to our questionnaire. We have had 186 responses with 50 responses from Y6 families alone. It has been so useful to read them all.

We have now closed the draw for vouchers and winners will be contacted at 4.00pm today. Please do keep sending your surveys in. There will be a summary of the responses on Monday's newsletter.



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## Frog and Tapestry

We continue to be impressed each day by the number of families who are accessing Frog and Tapestry. We also love seeing your work and photos. We have a very high response on Tapestry each week and have had 4,500 hits on our Frog learning platform in a 30 day period (20 school days). This is excellent.

Next week we will be focusing on seeing how many children can post one message or piece of work, either by email or preferably Frog.

## Year six SATs week

This week would have been SATs week if the children had been in school. Year 6 are currently busy completing their own Lily Lane Lockdown SATS paper.

They have until Monday afternoon to finish the activities. There are a range of tasks to complete including designing a new hairstyle and timing themselves to find 8 named objects in the home! We look forward to receiving their completed papers.

Good Luck year 6!

## Announcement Information

Please see below a letter from Manchester City Council.

We do not have any plans to admit children during the week starting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. We will keep families updated as soon as we have any definite information. In the mean time we ask all families to continue to **stay safe** and **be vigilant**.

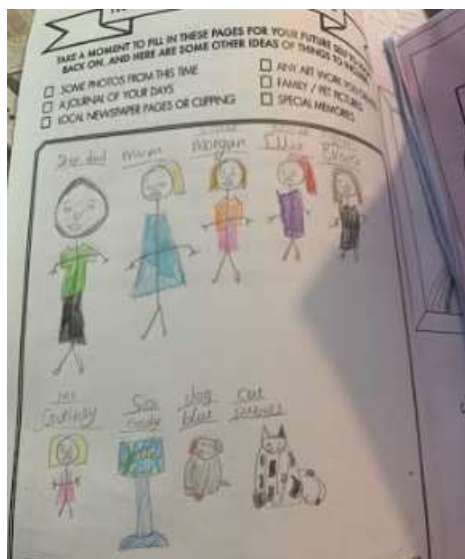
## Home learning

Lots of children have been extremely busy getting on with their home learning packs and online learning resources. Below you can find some examples of the amazing work that children at Lily Lane have been doing. If your child has completed some work that you or they are proud of, send it to their teacher using their year group email.

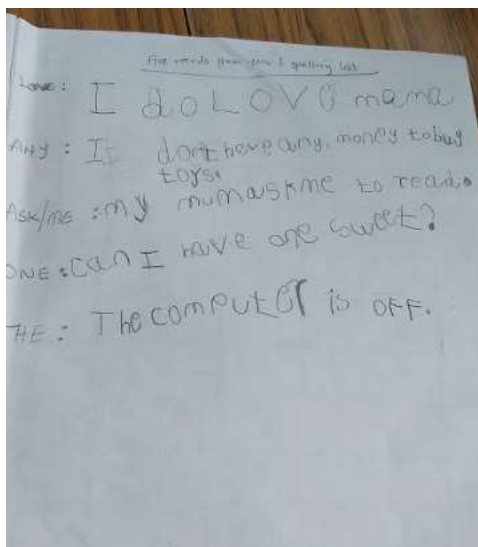


Daniel has been doing some great colouring in of his rainbow fish at home this week. You're doing a great job Daniel, keep up all of the amazing work!

Courtney in 4G has been busy getting on with her COVID-19 time capsule activity. You have done a fantastic job Courtney, keep up the great work!



Fareed in 1C has been doing some handwriting and sentence work this week. Your sentences are great Fareed and you have punctuated them brilliantly!



Daniel in 4S has been completing lots of spellings and maths work at home and has been using FROG for daily activities. Well done Daniel, you're doing so well!

Ebanehita in 6C has taken on one of her SATs challenges, to make a new hairstyle! This is really creative Ebanehita and I think you have done a great job!



Lily-Mae baked some delicious bread this week and has been working hard learning to write her name! Well done Lily-Mae, keep up all of the hard work.



## **Position Statement – Manchester City Council May 15<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Last Sunday the Prime Minister announced that from week commencing 1 June at the earliest the Government is aiming to increase the numbers of children attending primary schools through the return of children in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 6.

He also asked that secondary schools provide some face to face contact with staff for students in Years 10 and 12 before the end of the summer term, and that special schools work towards a phased return of more children, without a focus on more specific year groups.

This is of course all dependent on the rate of infection for COVID-19 from now until then.

This announcement from the Prime Minister and subsequent guidance from the Government has answered some questions, but it is clear there are many things which still need clarification before schools and colleges can substantially increase the numbers attending.

There are many practical questions which we currently do not have answers to and which we are working together with schools, settings, colleges and the DFE to resolve.

In Manchester, during the COVID-19 lockdown period, the majority of schools have remained open to vulnerable pupils and children of key workers - including throughout what should have been school holidays and Bank Holidays - and all schools and colleges have retained contact and an overview of all their pupils.

Throughout this time, officers from the council have been working with education leaders to support them with their current offers both for vulnerable and key workers' children who are still attending, and for the many more who are learning from home. These offers will continue as we move forward from June 1.

As we move forward into this next phase the council will continue to support settings, schools and colleges to plan a response to the announcement and begin to gradually increase the numbers of children and young people attending in a way that is safe for everyone.

There are many specific considerations unique to individual schools, settings, and colleges, which they themselves are best placed to understand and plan for. This includes the different needs of their cohorts of children or young people and local communities, the size and shape of buildings, and the numbers of staff that are available to work.

This means there cannot be a uniform approach across the city in response to the government announcement, and settings, schools and colleges will have to develop their own flexible plans and work at their own pace from 1 June in order to start to safely and gradually increase the number of children attending at any one time. We're very clear also that in any plan the safety of pupils and staff must be absolutely paramount.



For this reason, in our primary schools it is highly unlikely that children in the government identified priority year groups will be able to attend school full-time from June 1, and may also mean that some schools have to prioritise certain year groups, and not make an offer to them all. Your school will of course be in touch with you to provide you with more information about their plan for a phased return of additional children.

It is also clear that any return for children and young people will not look the same as before COVID19. The pandemic has changed things for all of us and there will need to be consideration of how we best support our children and young people at this time with a focus on their mental health and emotional wellbeing as well as their learning.

This pandemic has brought with it stress, uncertainty, and anxiety for all of us including our children and young people. We all want to get our children and young people back into education as soon as safely possible where they can be with their friends, their teachers, and their support workers. We want to reassure you that everyone in Manchester's education community is working together as hard as they can during this time to ensure the wellbeing and safety of our children and plan for this first phase of wider opening.

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