



MANBY LODGE INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

A belated Happy New Year! It is incredible to think that we have already been back at school for three weeks and we are half way through the first Spring term.

Last year I wrote to you at the end of the Autumn term about the parent questionnaires that you completed. I also said that we would be writing to you again to share our current key priorities, in terms of improving Manby Lodge.

Some of you may already be familiar with the [Governor's Three-Year Strategic Plan](#). This can be found on the Governors' page on our school website (click to follow the link). Our School Development Plan works alongside / is led by the Governor's strategic plan.

As I am sure you will be able to imagine, our School Development Plan is a lengthy document, covering the many different aspects of school life. It isn't possible to share the whole contents with you. I have written this letter with parents in mind, so that what we are doing to improve our school is as clear as possible. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

This year we are working on the following objectives:

Leadership and Management

- To continue to develop a culture of distributive leadership across the school and to raise the expertise and profile of the Year Group Leaders.
- To work alongside Governors to secure school community sponsors and additional funding.
- To develop and embed the foundation subjects curriculum across the school, creating cross curricular links as much as possible with reading, writing & maths.
- To raise standards in creative arts (music, art, drama, DT). We hope to achieve the Arts Mark this year, which recognises all of the wonderful ways that our children's curriculum is enriched at Manby Lodge.
- To ensure that disadvantaged pupils receive timely support that accelerates their progress further.



- To strengthen communication with parents – which includes making improvements to the school website. We hope to achieve the LPPA (Leading Parent Partnership Award) this year.
- To develop our school as a beacon of excellent practice in EYFS and share this practice with other schools.

Teaching & Learning

- To develop teachers' skills and ensure that teaching & learning meets the needs of all children at all levels. This will enable all children to make good or better progress and in turn will ensure that more children meet higher standards. As well as maintaining high standards in all subjects, this year we are focusing specifically on developing the teaching of writing, for example improving the teaching of handwriting and spelling.
- To continue to develop skills of Teaching Assistants so that they are able to support children's learning most effectively.

Personal development, Behaviour and Welfare

- To introduce a new PSHCE (Personal Social Health Citizenship Education) Scheme – Jigsaw - which focuses on mindfulness and developing a growth mind-set.
- Review and develop lunchtime procedures to ensure that lunchtimes for all children are the best that they can be.

Buildings and Facilities

- To refurbish the school hall
- To develop the garden area and the ball court

Thank you for your on-going support, words of encouragement and a smiling face in the playground.

As always, if you have concerns or questions about any aspect of your child's education, please talk to one of us. Your child's class teacher should always be the first point of contact if you have any concerns about your individual child. One of our Senior Leadership Team is usually in the playground at the start and end of the day should you need to talk to one of them.

Yours faithfully

Miss M Morris
Headteacher

