

1st October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all have had a good week so far. Our week at our schools has been a busy one underpinned by lots of excellent work from our students', fantastic teaching, and two open mornings where parents and Year 6 students came to see us in 'full swing'. The feedback we received from those that visited us was once again extremely positive. A special mention has to be made to our tour guides who were perfect examples of our students' and excellent ambassadors of our school community.

We all know what a challenge this week has been in regard to transport and the build-up of very heavy traffic in certain areas due to the issues surrounding fuel delivery. We hope that this will improve over the coming days and some normality begins to resume. The issues have had a wide ranging impact on many of us, as well as school's receiving deliveries and some services. I am pleased to say that we have managed to keep our schools running normally under the circumstances. For parents dropping students off to school, can I please ask that you allow that extra bit of time in the mornings so that students are not late, and do not miss out on valuable learning time.

As part of being a health-conscious school, Preston Manor All Through School supports the Meat-Free Monday programme. Our schools have been Meat Free for almost 12 years now.

Meat Free Monday was co-founded by Paul McCartney and we have been members since 2010. We are the longest-serving MFM supporting Secondary School in the UK, and the only one to have a featured case study on the MFM website. Every Monday our fantastic kitchen team serves a vegetarian-only menu to all staff and students. In our 11th year now, Preston Manor supports the values and ethics behind Meat Free Monday. Meat Free Monday works to promote a greater consciousness in how we treat our environment and the animals during the process of mass farming. As global citizens, we have a responsibility to understand that the choices that we make today will affect us and future generations. To Read our case study, click the link below

[Preston Manor All-Through Co-operative Trust School](#)

I have always believed that a really important feature of a school is the partnership between the school and its parents - we are both here for the same thing - your son or daughter. We were delighted when we were awarded the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LLPA) and we remain committed to continuing our work. On Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 6pm, we will be holding a virtual LLPA evening where parents can join us and ask questions as we feedback some key responses from our most recent survey that our parents will have completed. This meeting is a special event as it is the first time we will have both our Upper and Lower schools together and the first September, post-COVID, that we will have all of our students back in the School together and all at the same time. Information for joining this event will be with you in the near future.

On a final note this week, we would be grateful if you could continue to support us in ensuring that all of the students' continue to wear face masks inside the school building and that every



student brings one with them to school. Our school supply of 40,000 masks has nearly gone and unfortunately, we will not be receiving any more. There has been an 18% increase nationally in positive COVID cases this week and we really want to make sure that our students and staff stay as safe as possible.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'R Denial', is placed below the 'Yours faithfully' text.

Mr R. Denial
Executive Headteacher