

Manor Farm Academy



Prospectus



Manor Farm Academy

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‘Education For Lifelong Learning’

Background

Manor Farm Academy aims to offer outstanding educational opportunities for the pupils and community it serves. It seeks to ensure all pupils receive the very best start to life, and will prepare them for life beyond primary education. Learning will strive to successfully challenge, motivate and enthuse all pupils with the ultimate aim of acquiring the skills necessary to succeed in life, at a rapid rate and to an exceptional standard.

Manor Farm Academy is situated in a small Lincolnshire Town of North Hykeham within the District of North Kesteven. It is a single site, accessed from the main estate road, serving the area of development that links to both Mill Lane and Newark Road. It is a newly built school designed for pupils between the ages of 4-11 years old. Opening initially in 2016, it is forecast to increase in pupil numbers until it reaches its full capacity in 2022.

Manor Farm Academy currently has seven classrooms, a hall, information and communications technology (ICT) facilities and resource areas, plus all other facilities for a primary school of its size. Most classrooms face in a south-easterly direction and open onto a covered area which provides shade during the summer months. The academy is designed to be child friendly with a variety of colours, textures and shapes used in the design. The windows have been positioned to make the most of the surrounding views and are set at appropriate heights for the children. The central space within the academy is flooded with light, via both northerly and southerly clerestory windows.

The academy is of a modern appearance and was specifically planned to be environmentally friendly. It is intended to be a lesson in sustainability and, as such, has low energy lighting, solar panels to heat domestic hot water and a rainwater recycling system.





Manor Fram Academy is a member of L.E.A.D. Academy Trust.



L.E.A.D. Academy Trust
Lead • Empower • Achieve • Drive

Our vision is that...

...through outstanding leadership we will provide the highest quality education to enable every pupil to realise their full potential.

Of course, every good school aspires to this aim, so what makes us different?

We passionately believe in the power of partnership working as a catalyst for ensuring more children receive an exceptional education. Our member schools know the transformational impact it can have from experience.

At the same time, we recognise the importance of autonomy. Every school has its own context and challenges. This is why we encourage our member schools to lead and manage in a way that preserves their individual identity and responds to the specific needs of their children and community.

The combination of autonomy and collaboration across key areas of leadership and management, underpinned by shared vision, values and best practice is what makes the L.E.A.D. Academy Trust unique.

We are also strengthened by the support, guidance and wide-ranging skills of our experienced [board of trustees](#).

The acronym L.E.A.D. embodies the [four core principles](#) at the heart of the Trust: strong **leadership** at every level; **empowering** every child to aim high; giving every child the opportunity to **achieve** and constantly **driving** for improvement.

Our innovative model is attracting widespread attention from schools nationally that share our vision and values.

Diana Owen CBE

Chief Executive of L.E.A.D. Academy Trust

Our Staff Team

Teaching Staff

Mrs Andrea Collins	-	Headteacher
Mrs Lynne Rocks	-	Foundation Stage Class Teacher
Mrs Michelle Dexter	-	SEND Leader
Miss Lisa Sellers	-	Year 1 Class Teacher
Miss Shannon Hudson	-	Year 2 Class Teacher
Mrs Gillian Boast	-	Year 3 Class Teacher
Miss Nicole Mallott	-	Year 4 Class Teacher

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Jo Brown	Miss Chloe Ross
Mrs Kayleigh Fendley	Mrs Claire Speed
Miss Courtney Thomas	Mrs Karen Evans
Mrs Marie Clough	Miss Lauren Morley

Administration Staff

Mrs Helen Joyce
Mrs Karen Foster

Midday Staff

Miss Sarah Jackson
Mrs Kirsty Parkes
Miss Jo Easey
Miss Melissa Clough
Miss Samantha Leaning

Caretaker

Mr Jason Wythe

Cleaning Services

Provided by CSG UK Cleaning Specialist
Group.



The Governors

The following table sets out information about the present Governors. Governors' names are shown alongside the dates when their present terms of office commenced. The term of office for a Governor is four years. The Governors of Manor Farm Academy meets every term. Committees usually meet prior to each Full General Meeting. The Governors are:

<u><i>Name</i></u>	<u><i>Appointment</i></u>
Mrs Gemma Grundy	1/1/2018
Mrs Andrea Collins	N/A
Mrs Jo Brown	1/11/2019
Mr Peter Wood	1/1/2018
Mrs Gillian Boast	1/1/2018
Mrs Sarah Davey	1/1/2018
Mrs Sharron Close	16/3/2020
Mrs Julie-Anne Leek	1/1/2018
Mrs Trish Wells	1/1/2018
Mr Mel Jays	26/11/2018



Chair of Governors

Mrs Gemma Grundy– c/o Manor Farm Academy, Tiber Road, North Hykeham, Lincoln LN6 9ST

Clerk to the Governors

c/o L.E.A.D Academy Trust , 5a The Ropewalk, Nottingham, NG1 5DU

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The School Day

- 8.50am: Doors Open/Morning Work begins
- 9.00am: Registration
- 9.05am: First Lesson Begins
- 10.10am: Morning Break (15 minutes)
- 11.25am: Assembly
- 12.30pm: Lunch
- 1.30pm: Afternoon Session Starts
- 2.30pm: KS1 Afternoon Break Time (15 minutes)
- 3.30pm: End of Day

For health and safety reasons we ask that children should not arrive before 8.50am as they will not be supervised by school staff until this time.

Attendance and Punctuality

We expect the following from our pupils:

- That they attend regularly
- That they arrive on time and be appropriately prepared for the day

We expect the following from parents:

- To ensure their children attend school
- To contact the office as soon as possible when their child is unable to attend
- To ensure that their children arrive on time and are prepared for the day, ie. with PE kit and with homework completed where appropriate.
- To deliver and collect children on time
- To contact us whenever a problem arises that may keep the child away from school
- To avoid holidays in term time whenever possible

Parents / carers and pupils can expect the following from the academy:

- Information about procedures for notification of absence to be issued to parents annually
- Regular, efficient and accurate recording of attendance
- Parents will be phoned if a child is absent and no message is received
- Swift action on any problem notified to us that may require confidentiality
- The rewarding of good attendance

Registration

- Registration is taken by the class teacher for the morning sessions between 9.00 and 9.05am, and between 1.30 and 1.35pm for the afternoon sessions
- Children arriving more than 20 minutes after registration will be counted as late, although this may be extended in the event of bad weather
- All latecomers must report to the office



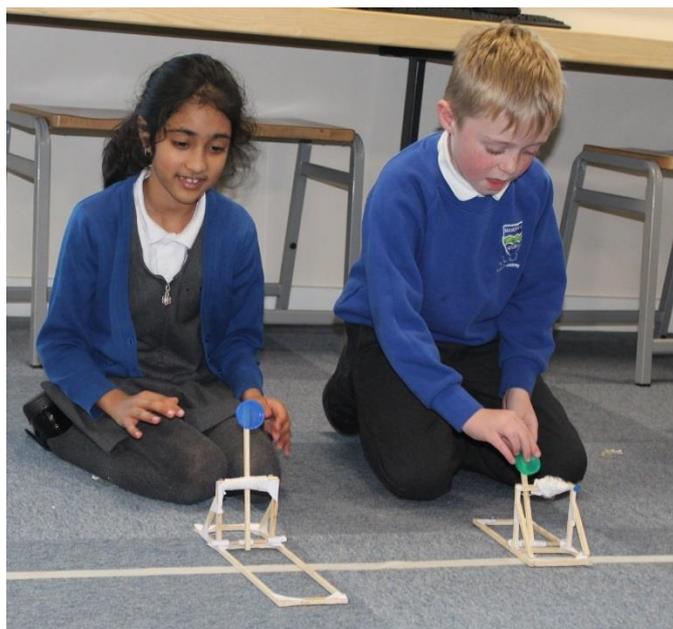
Admissions

Manor Farm Academy's policy for admissions is summarised below:

In accordance with relevant legislation, the allocation of places for children with an EHCP where the school is named on the plan will take first place

When the academy is over-subscribed, places will be allocated according to the following criteria:

1. The child is in the care of the Local Authority (LAC) or has previously been in care (PLAC)
2. There is a sibling who will still be attending the school when the child is due to start
3. The child is the son or daughter of a member of staff who has been employed by the Academy for 2 years or more.
4. Access to the school. The following will be taken into consideration in the order below:
 - i. Whether this is the school closest to the home address
 - ii. The distance from home to school in a straight line. The distance is measured electronically by the LA from the Post Office address point of the home to the post office address point of the academy.





Our Aims and Values

‘Education For Lifelong Learning’



Academy Values

Happiness and enjoyment

Effective partnerships

Mutual respect

Honesty

Personal successes

Perseverance and lifelong learning

Academy Aims

- 1 To encourage pupils to aspire to their highest academic and personal potential and to create opportunities to help them to achieve greater independence.
- 2 To provide children with high quality, relevant experiences which promote high standards of achievement academically, personally, socially, morally, culturally and spiritually.
- 3 To recognise and value the contributions of all people within the academy community.
- 4 To provide a secure and supportive environment that promotes healthy lifestyles, happiness and a sense of caring.
- 5 To work in partnership with all those involved in the life of the academy in order to create an atmosphere of openness, trust and respect that enables people to undertake their responsibilities.
- 6 To develop positive self-esteem, confidence and enthusiasm for all, developing an awareness of self worth and pride in achievements.
- 7 To develop and implement an exciting and varied curriculum which meets the needs of the 21st century.



Strategy

We are going to continually:

- Develop improvement processes that provide strategic vision and direction for the academy
- Develop the role of Governors and Managers in the strategic management of the academy
- Monitor and evaluate progress and report on the work of the academy
- Develop a creative and practical curriculum emphasising progression of skills and development
- Use pupil performance data, targets and assessment to meet the needs of all pupils
- Work together to provide quality teaching and learning, with continuity and progression
- Provide high quality Continuing Professional Development and Performance Management
- Recognise and celebrate achievement
- Manage behaviour positively and consistently
- Liaise with parents and carers and provide opportunities for them to become involved in the life of the academy
- Develop links with the community to enrich our educational provision
- Develop the indoor and outdoor environment



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Early Years education at Manor Farm Academy forms the foundation of all future learning. In the reception class we provide an effective curriculum which encompasses a cross curricular approach to the prime and specific areas of learning:

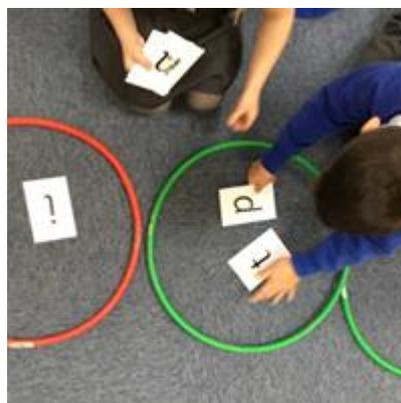
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Literacy, Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Mathematics
- Understanding of The World
- The Arts



Play is valued in the Early Years as an important vehicle for learning, both in child initiated and guided activities.

During the Early Years, our aims are to:

- Value each child's individuality
- Provide a secure and stimulating environment which is happy and harmonious
- Develop independence and self confidence
- Encourage enquiring minds and perseverance through child initiated and guided play activities
- Provide a smooth transition from home to Nursery and then on to full time education
- Work together with parents



The Curriculum

Our curriculum is designed to be creative, practical, purposeful and effective. It is planned to be broad and balanced. The following subjects are taught:

Literacy
Numeracy
Science
Information and Communications Technology (ICT)
Design and Technology (DT)
Art and Design
Music
History
Geography
Physical Education (PE)
Religious Education (RE)
Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)
French
Philosophy
Enterprise



We work to a long term planning map which identifies when different areas of the curriculum will be taught throughout the school. The medium term planning provides more detail about the learning that will take place. It identifies objectives to be taught and the expected learning outcomes for pupils of all abilities, against which assessments of pupil progress can be made. It ensures that all the statutory requirements are met and that skills, knowledge and understanding are taught progressively. Short term plans are then prepared by teachers identifying which learning objectives will be taught within each week and providing the detail for individual lessons.

The School Curriculum: Values, Aims and Purposes

The school curriculum comprises of all learning and other experiences that we plan for our pupils. The National Curriculum is an important element of the school curriculum. The school curriculum has two principal aims which include:

Aim 1

To develop and implement an exciting and varied curriculum which meets the needs of the 21st century.



Aim 2

To provide children with high quality, relevant school experiences which promote high standards of achievement academically, personally, socially, morally, mentally, economically, culturally and spiritually.

The two aims reinforce each other. The personal development of pupils, spiritually, morally, socially and culturally, plays a significant part in their ability to learn and to achieve. We recognise that development in both areas is essential in raising standards of attainment for all pupils.

Teaching Life Skills

Equate Education Trust aims to develop and implement an exciting and varied Curriculum which enables all pupils to reach their potential and become active, valuable and positive members of society. Underpinning this stimulating Curriculum, we believe that children should be equipped with a number of core life skills which will ultimately support them in the future, both academically and socially.

Key Principles

In conjunction with a Curriculum which enhances a child's subject specific skills and general knowledge, we believe that there are four key life skills which each child should have the opportunity to further develop and strengthen.

These include:

- Language and Communication skills
- Independent Skills
- Emotional Intelligence Skills
- Thinking skills

The Curriculum, which is committed to achieving high standards is broad, exciting and challenging and embraces the four key life skills at the heart of it.

Life Simulation Lessons- 'A Rehearsal of Skills for Real Life'

Life Simulation Sessions are aimed to give pupils the opportunity to rehearse skills which they will need in order to become well rounded adults.

This takes place within the Academy once per termlet. Once a class has completed a Life Sim session, a magnetic section of their Life Sim wheel (there are six in total) is awarded and added to their Life Skills wheel. These sessions are designed to anchor life skills in a real context. The skills are split into 6 categories. These elements develop in complexity as the child matures.





The academy curriculum promotes:

- A balanced and broad curriculum for **all** children
- Learning through structured play in the Early Years
- A cross curricular, thematic approach to learning
- Opportunities to apply skills and extend knowledge and understanding through a creative, practical and purposeful curriculum
- Enrichment of the curriculum through visiting speakers and educational visits
- Development of independence and thinking skills
- Parental involvement in pupil learning
- Raising standards, expectations and achievements
- Recognising and celebrating achievement

The Subjects

Literacy

Establishing high standards of pupil achievement in English is a priority at Manor Farm Academy. The National Curriculum provides the main direction for the English curriculum. Within lessons, pupils receive direct teaching of reading, writing, spelling and speaking and listening. Children learn about a range of different text types, and about the key features of each style of writing.

Mathematics

We are committed to providing the highest standards of achievement in mathematics. The National Curriculum provides a progressive structure to the learning of mathematics, and as such, forms the backbone of our mathematics curriculum. Children are taught a range of strategies for calculating answers to problems mentally, as well as the more usual written methods.



Religious Education

Religious Education is taught in accordance with the Lincolnshire Agreed RE Syllabus 2018. Through religious education, the children will be able to:

- Learn about Christianity and about other principal religions represented in the United Kingdom
- Reflect on a range of human questions and experiences
- Ask, analyse and respond to deep questions about human life
- Explore the meaning of ‘authority’, ‘celebration’ and ‘sacred’
- Be aware of the ways in which religion influences the lives of individuals and communities
- Prepare for life as citizens

In accordance with the 1998 Education Reform Act, parents have the right to withdraw their child from RE lessons and daily acts of worship (assemblies). Any request should be made in writing to the Headteacher.

The Daily Act of Worship

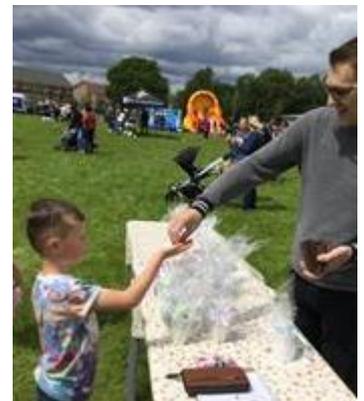
This is Christian in essence and follows an agreed theme each week. It usually consists of a brief talk or short story, a time for reflection, understanding the values within the academy, a song and a prayer.

Philosophy

Philosophy impacts directly on the development of pupils’ moral and social development, as well as enhancing their capacity to become independent learners. Whilst deepening the Pupils understanding of British Values, it also contributes to the development of pupils’ positive attitudes to themselves and others. In philosophy sessions, the emphasis is placed on pupils’ thinking and speaking for themselves at all times. At Manor Farm Academy, philosophy sessions are taught each week.

Enterprise

As part of our commitment to providing a relevant, stimulating curriculum, weekly enterprise lessons are timetabled throughout the academy. The purpose of these sessions is to provide pupils with the opportunity to undertake projects with the aim of developing their business skills and an understanding of the use of money in the real world. Pupils work together in groups to generate and implement ideas which they hope will be profit making.





Art

Art and design offers opportunities to:

- stimulate children's creativity and imagination by providing visual, tactile and sensory experiences and a unique way of understanding and responding to the world
- develop children's understanding of colour, form, texture, pattern and their ability to use materials and processes to communicate ideas, feelings and meanings
- explore with children ideas and meanings in the work of artists, craftspeople and designers, and help them learn about their different roles and about the functions of art, craft and design in their own lives and in different times and cultures
- help children to learn how to make thoughtful judgements and aesthetic and practical decisions and become actively involved in shaping environments



Science

Our science curriculum provides opportunities for children to:

- develop knowledge and understanding of important scientific ideas, processes and skills and relate these to everyday experiences
- learn about ways of thinking and of finding out about and communicating ideas
- explore values and attitudes through science

Music

In our music curriculum we aim to develop each of the skills of performing, composing and appraising in all lessons. Opportunities are given for children to extend and apply these skills. Opportunities are available for parents to purchase instrumental tuition for their children within the school from Year 3 upwards.



Geography

Geography develops our knowledge of people and places throughout the world. The children will use a range of resources such as maps, atlases, photographs and computers to enhance their learning.

During the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, our children will ask geographical questions about people, places and types of environment in our local area and beyond.

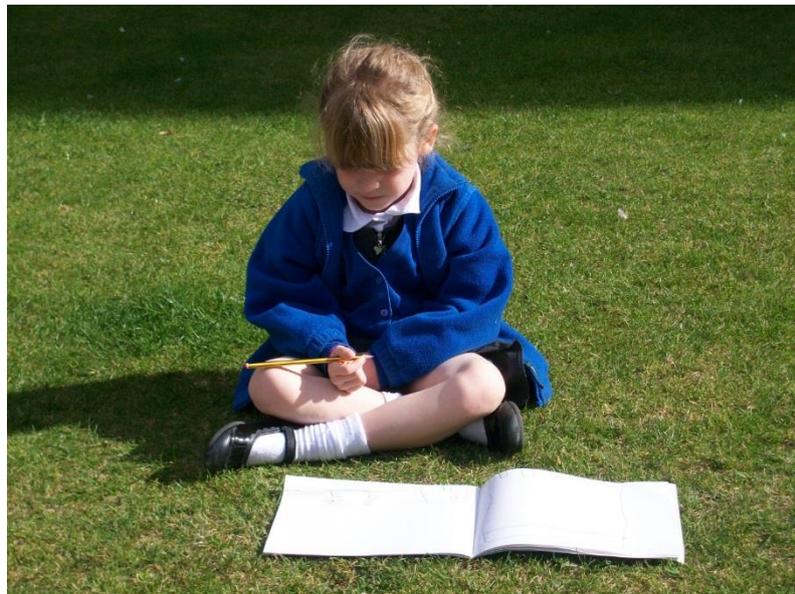
Our Key Stage 2 children will use and develop their geographical enquiry skills. They will study a variety of local, distant, similar and contrasting environments. They will learn how these can be changed by physical and human processes.

History

In history, children learn about, and from, the past. History will be delivered in our academy through stories, investigation of artefacts and the use of other resources including books, photographs, computers, visitors into school and outside visits.

In the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, the children will learn about changes in their own lives, and their family or others around them. They will find out how the past is different from the present and about significant people and events.

In Key Stage 2, the children will study history from social, cultural and economic perspectives. They will acquire problem solving and practical skills while learning that evidence from the past can be interpreted in a number of ways.





Information and Communication Technology (ICT)/ Computing

Information and Communication Technology prepares pupils to participate in a rapidly changing world in which work and other activities are being increasingly transformed by access to varied and developing technology. ICT is primarily concerned with the use of computers, but also includes children becoming proficient in the use of a variety of audio visual aids including digital cameras, programmable toys and iPads. ICT is used throughout the curriculum and children use it to find, explore, analyse, exchange and present information. The academy is equipped with desktop computers and iPads, which allow access to email and the internet. With reference to the internet and email use, parents are asked to give permission before children use this technology.

Each class is timetabled to use ICT every week. During these sessions, children either learn a specific ICT skill or use ICT to continue their work in another area of the curriculum. All classes also have access interactive whiteboards located within the classroom.

Design and Technology (DT)

Design Technology is a practical subject that asks children to be creative problem solvers, working as individuals and as part of a team. They must look for needs, wants and opportunities, and respond to them by developing a range of ideas to solve the identified problem. An emphasis is placed on the learning of practical skills combined with an understanding of function and aesthetics. Children will learn to reflect on and evaluate their own and others' products for suitability of purpose.





Physical Education (PE) and Sporting Activities

Children will experience a broad range of activities in their PE lessons. This will include dance and gymnastic activities, athletics, swimming and games. Children have opportunities to improve upon their individual performances, and to compete in teams and as individuals. They are encouraged to overcome challenges. The academy aims to promote the enjoyment of PE for all children whatever their level of ability.

Extra Curricular Activities

Manor Farm Academy seeks to develop the whole child. Wherever possible, children are encouraged to take advantage of a range of extra curricular activities.

We value the achievements of children both in and out of the academy day. The weekly celebrations assembly recognises these achievements.



Sex and Relationships Education

The Governors have decided that effective sex and relationships guidance is essential if children are to make responsible and well informed choices about their lives. The key objective is to help and support the children through their emotional, physical and moral development.

Sex and relationships education will be taught as follows:

- Through the science curriculum concerning life processes
- Through personal, social and health education lessons from the FS to Y6 (at an age appropriate level)
- In Year 5, discussion and a video about puberty and physical development
- In Year 6, discussion and a video on childbirth and stable, loving relationships

All parents will be given the opportunity to view the videos prior to the lessons.

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from all or part of the sex and relationships education, except those parts included in the National Curriculum.

**Pupil Welfare and Personal, Social
and Health Education**

At Manor Farm Academy, we recognise the importance of caring for the emotional wellbeing of our pupils and the need of each child to develop positive self esteem. We develop qualities of self confidence, self knowledge and social awareness through PSHE lessons as well as other areas of the curriculum. We have high expectations of behaviour in all situations and encourage mutual respect through our Academy Code of Conduct. We want all children to feel safe, happy and confident, both in lessons and at break times, and encourage them to talk through any problems they might have and to work together to find solutions wherever possible. The school has been accredited with Healthy School Status a number of times.



School Council

The School Council gives all children an opportunity to contribute to the running of the academy. There are three representatives from Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. They are elected to the School Council for one year.

The School Council gives interested children the chance to be fully involved in the life of the academy. Members of the School Council represent their peers at meetings and other events and are involved in decision making about key aspects of academy life. Some members may also take on roles of office such as chairperson, secretary and treasurer.



Behaviour

We aim to secure a good standard of pupil behaviour in the academy through establishing and maintaining rules and discipline which pupils understand, respect and follow. We aim to build upon high standards of classroom discipline to foster in our pupils a sense of social responsibility towards the school and the wider community. The following table is used to explain the expected standards of behaviour to the children.

<u>We expect all pupils to show</u>	<u>Behaviour Which Is Acceptable</u>	<u>Behaviour Which Is Unacceptable</u>
<i>Respect for other people</i>	Showing respect for each other By smiling, speaking politely, showing concern for how people are feeling and offering friendship, we are showing respect for other people.	Not showing respect for each other Anyone who hits, punches, slaps, trips, kicks or pushes or in anyway physically mistreats anybody else is behaving in an unacceptable way.
	Showing respect for adults We show respect to adults by speaking politely, putting hands up in lessons if we wish to speak and by taking part in lessons calmly.	Not showing respect for adults Anyone who shows disrespect for adults working in the school through rudeness and defiance is behaving in an unacceptable way.
		Bullying and teasing Anyone who makes someone feel frightened and anxious by name-calling or saying and doing threatening things is behaving in an unacceptable way.
<i>Respect for other people's property</i>	Showing respect for property By using equipment carefully, only using what we need and returning equipment correctly, we are showing respect for property.	Not showing respect for other people's property Anyone who steals, misuses or deliberately damages someone else's property is behaving in an unacceptable way.
<i>Respect for other people's right to learn</i>	Showing respect for people's right to learn Showing respect for other people's right to learn involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - putting hands up to offer answers - acting calmly in class - ignoring unacceptable behaviour from other pupils - concentrating on your own work - moving calmly around the classroom when necessary 	Not showing respect for other people's right to learn Anyone who stops or interferes with other people's learning is behaving in an unacceptable way. In the classroom it is unacceptable to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - constantly shout out for the teacher's attention - make unnecessary noises which cause a disturbance - interfere with other peoples work - throw things



Child Care on the School Site: The Village Kids Club

We work in partnership with 'The Village Kids Club' in order to deliver childcare from the academy site. This is comprised of a Breakfast Club and an After School Club which runs each day during the school term, and a holiday club which operates during school holidays.

- The Breakfast Club is open from 7.45am – 9.00am each day and provides breakfast for pupils.
- The After School Club runs from 3.30 – 6.00pm. Again, this runs throughout the school term.
- Childcare also runs from 8am – 5.30pm during school holidays.

If you require more information, please do not hesitate to contact Lynne Graham (Village Kids Club Manager) on 07986225701 for more details.



Special Educational Needs

At Manor Farm Academy, we aim to provide an education to meet the individual needs of all of our children. The term Special Educational Needs refers to any children who may at some time require additional help or guidance.

We maintain a register of special educational needs and disabilities. Any child requiring additional support will be placed on this register according to their level of need and given targets in the form of an Individual Education Plan. Parents will always be informed of the decision to place a child on the register and will be involved in agreeing what action should be planned.

The academy has a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCO) and benefits from the support of outside agencies such as Emotional & Behavioural Support, Educational Psychologists and Speech and Language Therapists. Such agency involvement will only take place with the consent of the child's parents and regular review meetings will be held to discuss progress.

For children who are unable to make sufficient progress with an Individual Education Plan in place, extra help is sought from the Local Authority. This may lead, with parental permission, to the application for an Education Health Care Plan that could result in an entitlement to individual support or access to an alternative setting.

The academy adopts a positive attitude towards all forms of disability, and no child will be denied a place at Manor Farm Academy due to a disability, as long as places are available and we are able to meet the specific needs. All accommodation is on one level, and most doors can accommodate wheel chairs. The academy can be accessed without needing to negotiate steps.

If you have any concerns about your child, whether social, academic, physical or emotional, please let us know so that immediate action can be taken.

Gifted and Talented Pupils

Some pupils may demonstrate exceptional performance within certain areas in or outside of school. Manor Farm Academy is committed to developing an ethos that supports and celebrates the learning needs of all children. Provision for more able children is an integral part of our teaching programme. Children identified as being exceptionally able have Individual Challenge Plans (ICPs) which are reviewed on a termly basis with the child's class teacher, the school's Gifted and Talented Coordinator and the parent. The aim of the ICPs is to ensure that very able children are provided with an educational experience appropriate to their needs.

Home – School Agreement

In line with Government Policy, Manor Farm Academy has a Home – School Agreement that parents are asked to sign when their child joins the academy and when they enter KS2. Older children will be asked to sign alongside parents and carers to show agreement to work together in support of the aims and values of the school.

Working With and Reporting to Parents and Carers

We have Parents’ Evenings in October and March, which are organised on an appointment basis. This is an opportunity to discuss your child’s progress with their teacher. There is another opportunity to discuss your child’s progress during July, after his/her report has been sent home.

We value parents and carers as partners, and welcome their input into the development of their child, and the development of the academy. The following illustrates some of the ways in which parental views are sought:

- **Parental Information Sessions** are used to provide information about aspects of the school and to seek views of parents.
- **Monthly Newsletters** keep parents informed about what’s going on in the academy. Newsletters invite parents to come and discuss any items which have been raised. In addition to this, in each newsletter, parents are invited to share their views regarding specific areas of the academy’s work. Suggestions are sought as to how we can further improve our academy.
- **Email** We always endeavour to respond quickly to parental queries and email provides quick access to the academy for parents.
- **‘Bring Your Family To School’ and ‘The Learning Showcase’ Sessions** provide termly opportunities whereby parents can see lessons ‘in action’ and can also ask any questions they may have related to their child’s learning. We believe it is important that parents are aware of what happens during our working day, and see these sessions as being of particularly high importance.

Whenever possible, parental concerns will be dealt with immediately. Alternatively, an appointment will be made to see you at the earliest opportunity.



Homework

Manor Farm Academy has a clear Homework Policy. From Reception to Year 3, pupils take work home appropriate to their age and ability. The main reasons for setting homework are to support or extend children's learning, or to complete work begun earlier in the day.

Pupil Welfare

During their time in the academy, children are periodically seen by members of the Health Service (eg School Nurse) with parental consent.

Additionally, all staff meet with the Headteacher every term to ensure that the needs of all children are being fully met.

Personal Accident Insurance for Pupils

Manor Farm Academy does not affect personal accident insurance for either pupils or their belongings, although it does cover its legal liabilities. The insurance market offers personal accident cover for pupils 24 hours a day. If parents require further information regarding this aspect, please contact the school office.

Adults Working in School

The welfare of our staff and pupils is of paramount importance. As such, all adults working in school, either as paid employees or on a voluntary basis, will be subject to an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau (DBS) check. Adults will not be allowed access to children unless this successful clearance has been received by the academy.



Illness and Accidents

We are not able to supervise children who are feeling poorly, so parents or carers will be contacted if necessary. We require telephone numbers on the admission form when children are admitted to the academy. **It is crucial that we always have an up to date contact number for parents / carers.**

Some illnesses have an exclusion period in order to avoid infecting others. Please consult with us if you are unsure about your child's condition.

Minor cuts and grazes are treated by the staff. Parents are notified of all head injuries. More serious accidents are logged and treated accordingly. Staff have received training in the administration of first aid. Our qualified First Aiders offer advice and support. We always try to act in the best interests of your child.

All staff are work-based first aid trained, and the following staff hold full paediatric first aid qualifications:

- Mrs Jo Brown and Mrs Lynne Rocks

Medicines

Medicines for short term illnesses will generally not be administered to pupils by staff. Where pupils need medicine administered over a long period of time, please contact the Headteacher to make the necessary arrangements.



Lunches / Snacks

Manor Farm Academy provides hot meals using an outside catering company. Meals are ordered and paid for directly with the catering company and are ordered over 4 week periods. Parents are notified by the catering company and by the school when ordering opens and closes for booking hot meals. All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible to receive free school meals. Further information regarding hot meals can be obtained from the main office. Alternatively, parents and carers can provide children with a packed lunch. Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are provided with a piece of fruit during the school day as part of the 'Healthy Schools' Scheme. To support our Healthy Eating scheme, parents are asked to ensure children have healthy foods in their lunch box. Fruit and healthy snacks can be purchased each morning as break-time snacks from the 'Be Manor Farm Healthy Tuck-shop'.

Supervision

Lunchtime is supervised by the midday controller and midday supervisors, supported by the Headteacher. If your child goes home for lunch, the academy must be informed in writing or by phone. Children who go home for lunch must notify the main office when they go off site, and are required to return at 1.30pm. Any child returning early must report to the main office and inform the midday controller that they are back on site. This is to ensure the child's safety in the event of a fire.

Drinks / Sweets

We kindly request that at lunchtime, drinks provided by parents and carers are in labelled cartons or plastic containers. (Fizzy drinks, glass bottles, sweets and chocolate are not permitted).



Jewellery / Personal Property

Watches may be worn by pupils. In the interest of safety, no jewellery or hard objects such as hair ornaments or watches are worn by the children during PE or swimming sessions. Other accessories need to be worn with the utmost discretion and we ask parents to use common sense and safety as their guidelines.

Children are responsible for the security of their own possessions whilst on site. The academy cannot take responsibility. Breakable or valuable items should not be brought in.

Clothing

The staff and Governors of Manor Farm Academy value and take pride in our school dress code and believe that school uniform nurtures a sense of belonging, in keeping with the aims and values of the academy. We therefore ask for your support in providing and encouraging the wearing of academy uniform.

Details of the uniform are as follows:

Trousers / skirts	:	Grey
Shirts / Polo shirts	:	White
Shoes (not trainers)	:	Black
Jumpers / Cardigans	:	Royal Blue
Summer Dresses	:	Blue / White
PE kit	:	White T shirt, black shorts and plimsoles

All items of clothing should be labelled with the child's full name.



Uniform can also be purchased from www.yourschooluniform.com. Via this website, uniform will be delivered directly to the academy at no extra charge, or can be delivered to your home for a small fee. The delivery time is usually within 7 working days.

Complaints about the Curriculum and Related Matters

We strive to deliver the best education we can to all of our pupils and to care for their welfare, health and safety. If we do not live up to your expectations **please tell us**. We are here to help!

Informal discussion with the teacher or the Headteacher as soon as possible may resolve the problem. We will endeavour to deal with any complaints swiftly and sensitively.

Our formal complaints procedure offers advice on how to formally express any unresolved concerns. A copy of our complaints policy is available via the main office or our website.

Requests for Leave of Absence

All parents / carers are asked to put a request in writing to the Headteacher if they wish to take their child out of the academy during term time. The Headteacher considers each request for planned absences. The Headteacher will consider:

- The impact on the child's education
- Previous absences
- The proximity to academy assessments and SATs

Any absences not sanctioned by the Headteacher will be treated as unauthorised.

NB: We are not permitted to authorise any absences due to family holidays. All family holidays should be taken during the school holidays and not during term time. Thank you.



Access to Records, Documents and Information

Records are kept to show each child's progress. The request to see any documents or records should be made to the Headteacher, who will decide whether to allow access or issue a copy.

The following documents are available for parents / carers to see:

- Any statutory instruments and circulars sent to the academy by the DfE about the academy curriculum
- The latest published OFSTED report
- The LA Agreed Syllabus for RE
- Curriculum Schemes of Work
- Arrangements for dealing with complaints about the curriculum
- Our policies
- The academy brochure which includes arrangements for collective worship, RE, sex and relationships education and Special Educational Needs
- Governing Body Minutes
- Your child's educational records

Charging Policy

- No charges are made for books or materials used to deliver the curriculum
- Parents and carers may be asked to reimburse the academy for items lost or damaged by their children
- Parents and carers may be asked to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of special events like school visits or out of school activities
- No child will be excluded from joining in with an academy day activity just because a parent or carer is unable to pay or make a contribution
- If many parents or carers are unable to pay a contribution towards the cost, the Governors reserve the right to cancel or withdraw altogether the special event or activity
- For special events requiring a fairly large sum of money, such as a residential visit, payments may be made in instalments



Attendance

We request that parents and carers telephone the academy on the first day of any absence of their child(ren). This helps us to know where children are, and therefore helps us ensure your child's safety.

Our attendance figures are:

<i>2019/2020</i>	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Attendance Rate	98.02	96.49	97.60	96.33	N/A	N/A
Unauthorised Absence	0.49	0.60	0.51	0.04	N/A	N/A
Authorised Absence	1.48	2.89	1.86	3.62	N/A	N/A
Running Attendance Rate		97.25	97.37	97.11	N/A	N/A

Accuracy of Information

The information contained within was correct as of September 2020. Due to Covid-19 and the School closures in place the attendance data is only taken up to March 2020. For any further information, please feel free to contact the academy and speak to the Headteacher.



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Terms and Holidays

 <p>L.E.A.D. Academy Trust Lead • Empower • Achieve • Drive</p>		TERM DATES 2020/2021
Term 1 (Autumn 2020)	<p>Thursday 3rd September – Thursday 22nd October (Staff Training Day: 1st September, 2nd September and 23rd October)</p>	
Term 2 (Autumn 2020)	<p>Monday 2nd November – Thursday 17th December</p>	
Term 3 (Spring 2021)	<p>Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February</p>	
Term 4 (Spring 2021)	<p>Monday 22nd February – Wednesday 31st March (Staff Training Day: 1st April)</p> <p>Bank Holidays: Friday 2nd April and Monday 5th April</p>	
Term 5 (Summer 2021)	<p>Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May</p> <p>Bank Holidays: Monday 3rd May and Monday 31st May</p>	
Term 6 (Summer 2021)	<p>Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July (Staff Training Day: 22nd July)</p>	



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