

13th February 2019

Dear Family,

Thank you for all your support over the last few months. We hope you enjoy reading the enclosed Term Times which includes some highlights from the last half term. As always, there have been many activities/trips that have taken place last term for children in all year groups. Just some of these include Tomlinson Charity week, Battlefield tour to France and Belgium, trips to Bradford Media Museum, Sainsburys and Abbey House Museum as well as Career interviews, a Cinderella performance, Careers Fair and a visit from the Grandparents of some of our Year 1 children. Sporting events include a trip to Leeds Rhinos and successes in football and athletics. You may also be interested in looking on our website under the 'latest news' tab to see further details of just some of the events that have taken place during this term <http://www.carrmanor.org.uk/category/latest-news/>.

Progress Reports: Please discuss the enclosed progress report with your child and contact your child's coach if you wish to clarify anything.

Meet Your Coach and Teachers Evening / Week: Thank you to all Secondary parent/carers who attended the Year 7/10/11 Meet Your Coach and Teachers evening and the Primary parent/carers who met with their coach on Monday 11th February / Wednesday 13th February. If you were unable to meet with your child's Coach, please make an appointment directly with them or contact school on 0113 3368400 (Secondary) or 0113 3368401 (Primary).

Leeds Learning Alliance: The formal consultation for us to become a Foundation school and acquiring a charitable Trust to be called the Leeds Learning Alliance will close on Tuesday 19th February. We will let you know the outcome as soon as we can.

Absence in Term Time: As a reminder, we are unable to authorise any requests for pupils to be taken out of school for a holiday or absence during term time. In exceptional circumstances, and if applied for prior to the absence, we may award a leave of absence. Also I have to remind you that fixed penalty notices (financial fines) may be issued where attendance at school is not secure. Relevant information is set out below:

- Children must attend school regularly to achieve their potential
- Children who miss out on school can feel vulnerable, left behind and may need to undertake independent study or complete catch-up sessions
- Family requested absence in term time is very disruptive and can seriously affect a child's education
- On average, children who miss 17 or more days in a school year, lose one full grade in their GCSEs
- Unauthorised absence can lead to a fixed penalty notice (fine)

I would also like to remind you that pupils who are taken out of school for 20 consecutive days or more may be taken off roll and reported to the Local Authority as CME (Child Missing in Education). This will then result in parents having to re-apply for a school place.

Year 10 / 11 Exams: This time of year is particularly busy for Year 10/11 as they prepare for their GCSE examinations in the summer. To support with their mock examinations and their GCSEs, please encourage your Year 10/11 pupil to attend the intervention session applicable to the topic they are studying over the half term. They can also come into school over half

term to catch up with coursework or complete individual study (intervention timetable enclosed).

Year 10 Work Experience (25th February – 8th March): Year 10 pupils will be starting their work experience on 25th February for two weeks. Please can all pupils who have secured a place collect their pre-placement visit form from Mr Winn in the Hub before the half term break. They then need to visit their placement as soon as possible (ideally over half term) to ensure the paperwork is signed and an agreed start time is confirmed by 20th February. Please can a parent/carer also sign the form before it is returned to Mr Winn to enable the placement to go ahead. If you have any queries, please contact Mr Winn on 0113 3368419, or via email on winnd01@carrmanor.org.uk.

Year 4/5 residential: Pupils from Years 4 and 5 have once again been given the opportunity to attend a 3 day residential visit from 11th-13th March and will be visiting the Robinwood centre at Dobroyd Castle in Todmorden. Robinwood is a leading residential activity centre provider which offers a wide range of outdoor activities including canoeing, climbing, zip wire and raft building. All the activity sessions are carefully planned in such a way that the children can experience challenging adventures that are appropriate to their abilities and their stage of personal and physical development. The residential course typically packs in 15 exciting activities providing the right balance that will challenge, develop teamwork and stimulate the imagination. Residential courses organised by the school are an optional but invaluable part of the National Curriculum and pupils benefit hugely from the experience, both educationally and socially. Thank you to parents who attended the meeting recently. If you require any further information, please contact the Primary school office.

Year 7 Mid Term Assessment Report: If your child is in Year 7, please find enclosed a copy of their mid term assessment report. This information indicates your child's strengths and areas for development across a range of subjects.

Flexible Learning / Further Learning: The Flexible Learning booklet (Secondary Phase) for next term will be provided for pupils after half term. The latest Further Learning tasks (Primary Phase) can be found on our website, www.carrmanor.org.uk under the 'what makes us different' tab, along with enhanced tasks for year 7 – 11 pupils. The required tasks for years 7 – 11 are given to pupils from subject teachers throughout the year. Please encourage your child to complete these tasks.

Thank you for your continued support this term and we look forward to seeing your child return on **Monday 25th February 2019**.

Kind regards,



Simon Flowers
Executive Principal

Key Dates - Spring Term 2

Date / Event	Overview of the Event
Monday 25th February	School re-opens after the half term
w/c 11th & 25th February Year 10/11 mock exams	Please encourage your child to prepare as much as they can for these important exams.
Wednesday 27th February – Friday 1st March Year 7 residential	As a reminder, please find enclosed details regarding the residential including the Kit list.
Monday 4th March Year 9 Study School Showcase	If your child is in Year 9 they will be performing their Study School Showcase to Year 8 pupils during periods 6 and 7.
Wednesday 6th March Year 9 Meet Your Coach and Teachers Evening (3.00 – 7.00pm)	This evening will be held for all Year 9 pupils and will give parents/carers an opportunity to meet with their child's subject teachers and coach. If your child is in Year 9, please find enclosed further details regarding this event. If your child is in Year 10/11, this may be an opportunity to meet with your child's coach if you were not able to do this on 13 th February or 27 th March.
w/c 25th February & w/c 4th March Year 10 work experience	Good luck to all the Year 10 pupils on their work experience during this time.
Monday 11th – Wednesday 13th March Year 4/5 residential	Year 4/5 pupils will be travelling to Robinwood on this date for their residential. If your child is involved in this exciting opportunity, we hope you found the recent information meeting useful.
Wednesday 13th March Winter Sports Day	Pupils have been given the opportunity to sign up to this event during their PE lessons.
Tuesday 19th March Carr Manor's Got Talent (6.30 – 8.00pm – doors open at 6.00pm)	If your child is involved in this annual extravaganza showcasing the talents and abilities of the Secondary and Primary pupils, please book your tickets as soon as possible.
Wednesday 27th March Year 8 Meet Your Coach and Teachers Evening (3.00 – 7.00pm)	This evening will be held for all Year 8 pupils and will give parents/carers an opportunity to meet with their child's subject teachers and coach. Further details will follow closer to the time. If your child is in Year 10/11, this may be an opportunity to meet with your child's coach if you were not able to do so on 13 th February or 6 th March.
Friday 29th March	As usual, we end the term with Coaching and Rewards Assemblies for all Secondary pupils. Primary pupils will finish at 12.15pm and Secondary Phase pupils will finish at 12.00pm .