

Marwood Primary School Newsletter

11/09/2020

Dear Parent / Carer

It has been a real pleasure for all the staff at school to welcome the children this week. Having a building full of children busily learning and a noisy playground is wonderful. The children are quickly settling into the new routines and we are working to make progress in learning.

Covid Secure routines.

Children are washing their hands on arrival and regularly throughout the day. They are also using hand sanitizer; as are the staff. Staff are not routinely wearing face coverings and other PPE, though they are available for first aid. Staff working one – to – one with children are wearing face visors and are keeping 1 metre + distance.

Covid 19 testing – there is a great deal in the news about the lack of availability of tests. Headteachers across the country are raising the issue. At the moment if someone in your household has Covid 19 symptoms: *Cough and or raised temperature and or loss of smell / taste*; then your whole family must isolate for 14 days. I have put an extended Covid 19 absence guide below.

A positive case at school may mean that the child's bubble (Classes 1 / 2 or Classes 3 / 4) are asked to isolate. Staff and I are working on what school work would be available and where we direct people to on Oak National Academy for the daily online lessons. The family of a child whose bubble has been asked to isolate do not need to isolate themselves unless symptoms develop. Brothers and sisters in the other bubble can continue to come to school.

I ask that you keep Marwood School informed of any family members with symptoms and the result of any Covid 19 tests.

Getting to and from school. I much appreciate everyone's patience as we use the three entrances into school. Class 1 parents using the car park are asked to wait until 8:30 before driving out of the car park to prevent cars trying to pass in the lane next to the Class 2 children's gate.

Communication with classroom staff. Please use the staff email addresses if you need to contact staff who teach your child.

MSA Virtual Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 22nd September 7:30 pm held on MSTeams. If you would like to join this meeting please email me at adobson@marwood.devon.sch.uk and I will invite you. Please put the email subject as MSA AGM.



During the summer break a 5 tap outdoor sink has been fitted outside the staffroom. This is allowing groups of children from the same bubble to wash their hands.

Keeping the paper towels (in the red and blue boxes) dry in the drizzle earlier this week was a challenge. The boxes were placed under the sinks!

Any suggestions / solutions much appreciated.

School dinners – Mrs Rowe and Sam have been working hard in the kitchen to produce a healthy, filling hot meal each day. Children in Classes 1 and 2 are eating in the hall; Class 3 and 4 are eating outside when dry and in classrooms when wet. Your child needs a freshly filled water bottle each day.

Class 1 have a request: If anyone has any empty 'top' pump refillable soap dispensers they would much appreciate them.

The children have come into school with a great enthusiasm and are ready to learn. I know that all families, staff and governors will continue to make their schooling successful.

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Marwood Menu

	WEEK STARTING	14 th September 2020			
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OPTION 1	Beef Burges & Wedges	Pizza Muffin	Chicken Curry	Macaroni Cheese	Fish & Chips Bag Meal
OPTION 2	Quorn Sausage		Quorn fillets	Pasta	Veggie Fingers Bag Meal
OPTION 3	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	X
SIDES	Carrot & Cucumber	Mid Potatoes Sweetcorn	Rice & Peas	Mixed Veg	Carrot sticks

Covid-19 related pupil absence

A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test - Inform the school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Ring on each day of illness. 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.

<p>...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). 	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>
<p>...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 14 days. - Child can continue to attend school. 	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days. - Marwood child(ren) can continue to attend. 	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled. - contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school. - Self-isolate the whole household. <p><u>*Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)</u> – for up to date travel information</p>	<p>...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.</p>
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check the current <u>Exempt countries and territories list</u> to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list. - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school. 	<p>... you have informed the office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>).</p>
<p>...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school. - The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups 	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>

	and drop offs (<i>please contact school if you need support getting your child to school</i>).	
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.</p> <p>...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school. 	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.
... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</i>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.