

# Marwood Primary School Newsletter

11/09/2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Our second week back has brought with it some of the usual colds and illnesses as the children are in whole class groups. This is entirely normal; however the Covid 19 pandemic is making everyone very aware of the relevant symptoms which require testing and the isolation periods before and after (if there is a positive result.) I have kept the guidance table from last week's newsletter below and highlighted the fourth row – actions when there are no Covid symptoms.

A useful link to a BBC news site giving guidance on the difference between common illnesses and Covid 19 <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-54145299>

At Marwood School we have a duty to respond to the three Covid 19 symptoms and ask for a test to be undertaken. Everyone in education is aware of the upheaval this has on family life and of the frustrations of getting a test. We all need to do our part.

I am clear that children who are unwell without Covid 19 symptoms can return to school without a test once they are well enough.

Covid tests: A small number of families have now had their children tested and all results have come back negative.

Please name your children's clothes, especially items like jumpers, cardigans and fleeces which they are likely to take on and off in a school day. I have also reminded the children about this in assembly.

MSA Virtual Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 7:30 pm held on MS Teams. If you would like to join this meeting please use the link below. You can either download the Teams App or join on the web.

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/team/19%3ac484253f3513437bab022cb3e8f5d860%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=9e6f52e2-a01c-42df-bfff-feb3a74e94ca&tenantId=eaba2b55-3a32-4d8a-b944-9b2997b5d08a>

After school clubs: There are two after school clubs running – both can take children from either bubble securely.

Monday – Tennis 3:00 – 4:00

Wednesday – Karate (non-contact) 3:00 – 4:00 <https://www.northdevonkarate.co.uk/bookings>

It is hoped that football club will start again in November when the Exeter Soccer School staff return.

Marwood's Curriculum Offer: If children are asked to isolate at home Marwood School has a duty to offer home learning. A plan is being drawn up involving: Oak Academy, IXL, Reading Eggs, Maths Seeds and work set by staff. This plan will be shared with you at the start of October. If you have to isolate before then please contact your child's teacher via email for work to do at home.

Getting back to normal teaching! Year 5 learning the ukulele with a chicken as the audience.



School dinners – Mrs Rowe and Sam are producing the normal menu next week. From Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September meals will be served on the school trays with metal cutlery. Though on Monday and Friday we will use the cardboard take away cartons and paper bags for Classes 3 and 4 to eat outside if the weather is fine.

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# Marwood Menu

	<b>WEEK BEGINNING</b> <b>21/09/2020</b>	<b>Classes 1 and 2 will have their meals off a plate every day.</b> <b>Classes 3 and 4 will have meals served on a plate – Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday</b>			
	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>OPTION 1</b>	Beef Grill served in a bun	Carbonara + Bacon	Roast Beef & Gravy	Hunters Chicken & Rice	Mini Battered Fish Fillet
<b>OPTION 2</b>	Vegetarian Southern Style Burger	Vegetarian Carbonara	Homity Pie	Tomato Pasta Bake	Vegetable Fingers
<b>OPTION 3</b>	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	Jacket Potato Beans and Cheese	X
<b>SIDES</b>	Baked Beans, Sweetcorn	Mixed Vegetables	Roast or mashed potatoes, carrots, green beans	Peas	Chips & Seasonal Vegetables

## 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"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>- Get a test</li> <li>- <b>Inform the school immediately about the test result</b></li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative <b>or</b> 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"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days).</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul>	<p>...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></p> <p><b>AND</b> the child feels well.</p>
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day).</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- Ring on each day of illness.</li> </ul>	...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"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> <li>- Household member to get a test.</li> <li>- <b>Inform school immediately about test result.</b></li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.



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

	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"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</li> </ul>	<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"> <li>- <b>Child must not come to school.</b></li> <li>- Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school.</li> <li>- Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>- <b>Other siblings may continue to attend school.</b></li> </ul>	...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.



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## **SAXOPHONE/CLARINET/FLUTE/TOOT LESSONS AT MARWOOD PRIMARY**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Clarinet, saxophone and flute lessons are available in school for years 3 – 6 and take place during the school day. We do have instruments for students to try! Susan Northrop will be teaching woodwind, she teaches at various schools in the area including Pilton College.

Toots are an option for starting flute and can be bought from amazon for £30. Search “Nuvo Toots” on amazon. Instruments can be hired for £30 a term from Devon County Council, <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Individual-Hire-Form/> alternatively you can hire an instrument from John Packer, Taunton for £15 a month which goes towards purchasing the instrument.

This is a great opportunity for your child to learn an instrument. Music lessons have been proven to improve maths and English skills, build your child’s confidence as well as being a fun and social experience.

A short “Agreement for Instrumental Lessons” will be included with the first invoice which clearly states the terms on which lessons are provided.

We look forward to hearing from you,  
Sarah Steed

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MARWOOD SCHOOL

Pupil’s name.....Year.....

Instrument.....

Your name & address (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss).....

.....Post Code.....

E-mail.....

Mobile.....

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