



The March Church of England Primary School

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Dear Children of The March School.

We can't wait to welcome you back to school – we've really missed you!

As we near the end of the school holidays this week, we wanted to write to you to say thank you for being so fantastic over the past 6 months. Your parents have told us how proud they are of you; how brave you have been and how you have tried your best with your home learning - most of the time!

In a couple of days everyone is coming back to learn at The March CE Primary School and we will be in school full time, that means every day for the whole day from Monday to Fridays. School will still be a little different in September and we wanted to tell you about a few important things:

1. We have asked your parents/carers to bring you to school at a specific time (the same time as everyone else in your year group). It is important that you arrive at the time you are asked to, so we can continue to keep everyone safe. To make sure you can get to school on time, you may need to get up a bit earlier than you have been, eat your breakfast a little quicker and, go to bed a little earlier – you do not want to feel tired when you wake up! Try not to be grumpy with your family as they try to get you to school on time, remember they are trying their very best too.

2. Ideally, you will walk, cycle or scoot to school so you can keep fit! If you need to come by car, it will have to be parked in the school car park, church car park or down the road so there is plenty of safe space on the pavements. Please remember to bring your coat as the weather can be unpredictable and please stay close to your parents/carers as the roads by school are very busy. We will also be asking all parents/carers to make an appointment by telephone if they need to come into the school building for any reason.

3. When you arrive at school you must come straight into school using the specific door entrance we have told your parents to ask you to use. You can



give your parents/carer a quick hug or wave before you leave them, and, remember, the day goes really quickly and you will see them again soon after school.

4. Remember to bring a bottle with your name on it that you can keep on your desk to use when you're thirsty and a healthy snack for break time.

5. During the school day, you will stay in your class 'bubble'
The first thing you must do when you arrive in school is to sanitise/wash your hands so that we can help to keep everyone safe. You will be asked to do this before and after every playtime, as well as before and after going to the toilet and before you leave to go home.

6. Your classroom will look a little different in September, as everyone will be sitting in rows facing the front of the classroom. You will need your own pencil case in Yrs. 1-6 and this will contain everything you need to help you with your learning. We are always telling you how kind it is to share, but in September please do not share your pencil case equipment with anyone so that we can help keep everyone safe.

7. When you come back to school on Thursday 3rd September you will be in your new year group, in your new classroom and with your new teachers. Your friends in your class will be the same so it will be a great chance to do lots of catching up! Please remember to wear your school uniform so that we can see how smart you look.

To make sure that we have a really fun start back to school, we have planned a really exciting start to your new topics

Please don't worry about the time you have missed away from school. We are not worried as your teachers have been working very hard to plan lessons to teach you the things you have missed. Remember, everyone is in the same situation and we will all work hard to get you back to where you were, as quickly as possible. This time will be talked about in years to come: you are part of the History of the future! Think of it as an adventure and, like all real adventurers, we have to continue to be brave.

We've told you about a few changes we've made at school, but we don't want you to worry because

We can't wait to see you !!!

Mrs Metcalfe