



Marlborough School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday 8th of March 2021 Marlborough School will be open for all children. This has been a difficult lockdown for many people with the pressures of life, family, work, health and winter weather creating a stressful and, at the same time, lacklustre atmosphere. Hopefully, with the children returning to school it will give families the chance to make time for everyone's wellbeing and we can all get our mojo back! The teachers are very much looking forward to leaving virtual platforms behind and spending time in the classroom teaching your children.

This week the teachers are gathering the children's thoughts about the return to school and planning accordingly. The first week back will have a wellbeing focus; developing confidence in school routines and social skills. We will be weaning them back into secure learning so that they quickly remember their positive view of school life.

The provision from the 8th of March will be similar to the start of this year when classes form a bubble and bubbles do not mix in order to limit social interactions.

Start of the day

Class entrances will be open from 8.30am until 8.45am, with teachers ready to greet the children when they come in to school. We ask that only one parent accompany children in EYFS and KS1 on to the school site and that KS2 children make their own way to the class entrance. Class entrances are at the side of each classroom, apart from Class 4 who use the double doors in the upper playground and Class 5 who use the double doors in the lower playground. Any confidential messages for class teachers can be emailed or phoned through as teachers need to maintain social distancing.

Breakfast Club is provided by Plymouth Argyle and is available from 7.30am at a cost of £3 or from 7.45am at a cost of £2.50. If you would like to book a place at Breakfast Club please ask the office for a booking form.

Adults on the school site

Please can all adults coming onto the school site wear a face mask and observe social distancing. Unfortunately, we will not be welcoming volunteers into school yet and we ask that parents communicate with the office by email and phone wherever possible. Please can adults be considerate of blocking pavements and thoroughfares.

Bubble Groups

Each class has their own room, playtime and lunchtime. Children are not able to mix with other bubbles in school time and we ask that parents limit the contact with children outside of their family bubble. If a member of the bubble, pupil or adult, tests positive for Covid-19 then the whole bubble will need to isolate for 10 days.



Class equipment

We ask that some children bring their own frequently used resources such as a pencil case with pencil, glue stick etc. Individual class requirements will be sent home by class teachers. If you are unable to provide resources we have some in school.

Sport in School

PE is on set days until Easter and children should come into school in their PE kits with a school jumper over the top on those days. Black or navy jogging bottoms can be worn.

Monday: Class 1 and Class 6

Tuesday: Class 3 and Class 5

Thursday: Class 2 and Class 4

Please can Reception Class pupils have their PE kits in school as they have sessions mapped out throughout the week.

Enhanced hygiene measure

Hand washing forms part of daily routines and every time children come into the classroom, eat snack, go for lunch or start a different activity they wash their hands following the PHE guidance.

All classrooms have lidded bins.

Each class has their own dedicated toilet block.

Staff wear PPE when administering first aid or helping children with intimate care.

Throughout the school day, staff will be cleaning tables, shared surfaces and equipment.

End of the day

Pupils in Reception will be collected in the lower playground at 3.20pm and 1.50pm on Friday.

Pupils in KS1 will be collected from their class doors at 3.20pm and 2pm on Friday.

Pupils in Class 3 and Class 4 will be collected from the top playground at 3.30pm and 2pm on Friday.

Pupils in Class 5 and Class 6 will be collected from the lower playground at 3.30pm and 2pm on Friday.

Please can we ask families to leave the school site as soon as pupils have been collected.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are providing sports clubs, free of charge, for all KS2 classes until Easter.

Class 3: Plymouth Argyle Sports Club- Friday 2pm – 3.15pm

Class 4: Plymouth Argyle Sports Club- Thursday 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Class 5: Mrs Pryer Sports Club- Tuesday lunch time

Class 6: Plymouth Argyle Sports Club- Monday 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Marlborough's Creative Curriculum

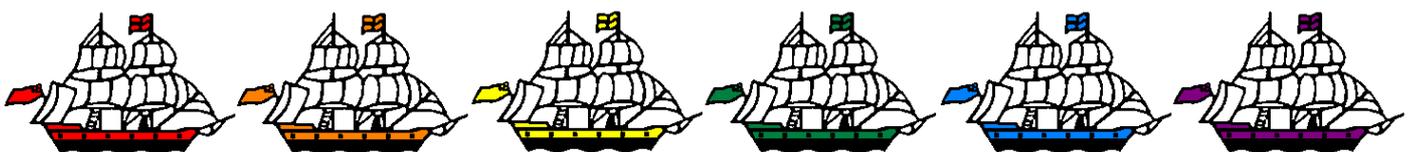
We will be continuing the topics started during remote learning and ensuring that our broad and balanced curriculum is back up and running.

Individual Circumstances

We understand that each family's lockdown experience has been different, some have been relatively unscathed whereas others have faced life changing difficulties. Please keep communicating with your child's class teacher or Abi Squibb if there is anything you feel we need to know in order to be able to support your family and the children.

Thanks

We are hugely thankful to you, our community, for the support and understanding you have given our teaching staff throughout this period. As always, we are a community based upon respect for each other and that goes a long way when times are difficult.



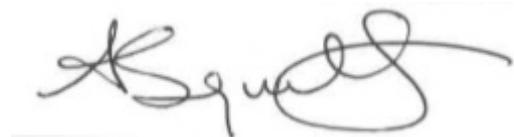
I would like to thank the whole of the Marlborough teaching team for going above and beyond in their drive to support our children and improve outcomes for all. Also, for becoming virtual Remote Learning teachers, not a job they signed up for!

Mostly, I would like to thank our children for their optimism, determination and good humour. Their enthusiasm has helped us to not only get through this but to come out the other side stronger.

Hopefully, if the government's plan goes accordingly this will be the last lockdown your children will experience and we can carry on learning together in our wonderful school.

Please contact us if you have any questions, ideas or if you want to pass on useful information regarding your child returning to school.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abigail Squibb', written in a cursive style.

Abigail Squibb

