



Return to School Arrangements

Wednesday 21st July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by thanking you in advance on behalf of the governors and staff for your support during another challenging year and I assure you that the health and well-being of the children of Marsh Hill School is, and will continue to be, our first and foremost priority. Please see the arrangements for when the children return on Friday 3rd September.

Attendance Regulations

Full attendance for all pupils is mandatory and all children must be in their full uniform.

Grouping Pupils (Bubbles)

To continue to ensure that we assess risks and relevant control measures are in place, the school is going to be split into Key Stage 'bubbles'. Maintaining distinct 'bubbles' makes it easier and quicker to identify staff and pupils who may need to self-isolate.

Playtimes and lunchtimes have been split into lower and upper key stages for Key Stage 2, so Year 3 and 4 will be lower Key Stage 2 and year 5 and 6 will be upper Key Stage 2.

As a result, we will take steps to limit interaction amongst different groups of children in school by the following means:

- At playtimes, children will share the playground in key stage bubbles.
- At lunch times children in KS1 will share the playground the same as playtime but will have a designated area in the dining hall.
- At lunch times children in KS2 will have a designated area in the dining hall within their key stage bubble and will be following the 20, 20, 20 principle. This means children will have 20 minutes in the dining hall, 20 minutes in class doing a fun activity of their choice and 20 minutes in the playground. This has been successful during the pandemic and we have chosen to continue with this approach.

Hygiene

When arriving at school, children will use the class hand sanitiser and wash their hands before and after food, and after using the toilet.

- Children will be specifically taught good hygiene and reminded daily by staff and signage
- Children will be provided with their own learning resources
- Classroom tables will be cleaned daily by cleaners
- Lunch tables will be wiped after each bubble has finished lunch

Classroom Organisation & Curriculum

All pupils will return to sitting at table groups.

Children in Key Stage 2 will have class learning packs containing their own equipment (pens, pencils, rulers, pencil sharpener). Children will not be required or permitted to bring in their own pen, pencils, rulers etc.

We will be teaching a broad and balanced curriculum focusing on physical activity, wellbeing and mental health of our pupils as well as key skills. Our high standards and ambition for all children to achieve to their full potential will be at the core of our teaching with a focus on the core skills.

P.E. will take place weekly. Pupils must bring their PE Kit to school on Friday 3rd September, it will be left at school and then sent home each half term for washing. PE Kit is a white t-shirt, red shorts and black jogging bottoms for outdoor sports. Swimming will place for Year 4 pupils, every Wednesday morning, they need to bring their swim suit and a towel in a bag each week.

Arrangements for the Start and End of School Day

EYFS

- Children will enter school via the EYFS doors between **8.40-8.50am**
- Children will be dismissed from the EYFS doors at **3.05pm**

Key stage 1:

Children will enter school via the Key Stage 1 door between **8.40-8.50am**

Year 1 children will be dismissed from the Key Stage 1 door and Year 2 children will be dismissed from the hall door at **3.10pm**



Key stage 2:

- Start time – 8.40-8.50am
- Classes 3A, 5M, 6J, 6C will enter and exit the building through the door situated next to the staircase that leads down from the EYFS (Reception) onto the Key Stage 2 playground.
- Classes 3W, 4H, 4T, 5B will enter and exit the building through the main Key Stage 2 doors that open up directly onto the KS2 playground.
- All pupils will be dismissed at **3.15pm**

Before and After School Clubs Provision

Breakfast Club is open from 8.10am, please enter via the door at the top of the stairs by the Lindridge Road gate.

After School Clubs will begin but more information will be shared in September.

Food Provision

The school kitchen continues to be fully open and normal legal requirements will apply about provision of food to all pupils who want it, including for those eligible for benefits-related free school meals or universal infant free school meals.

EYFS – fruit will be provided (by the City) for a snack at playtime. School will provide a carton of milk or water to all EYFS pupils.

Key Stage 1 - Fruit will be provided (by the City) for children at play time.

Key Stage 2 – Fruit will be provided for all pupils (by school) to have at playtime.

School will be providing all pupils with a water bottle to be kept in school.

Assemblies/Educational Visits

- Assemblies will take place in the school hall to share our school values. Celebration Assemblies will take place in Key Stages across the week.
- Educational Visits will return from September and more information will be shared in September.

How parents can further reduce the risk of Infection

- Be punctual and follow the social distancing guidelines
- If your child displays **coughing, fever, loss of smell or taste** then they **MUST NOT** come to school. Instead get tested via [NHS UK](https://www.nhs.uk) or by contacting NHS 119 via telephone if they do not have internet access where a test can be arranged for your child and family members.
- Children can return to school after a **negative test or 10 days isolation and no longer displaying symptoms**; siblings would have to isolate for 10 days.
- Parents/carers **cannot** use school toilets
- **Contact school about concerns only** by class e-mail, enquiry e-mail, website contact or phone call; **NOT** in person via the office, unless it is an **EMERGENCY**

Safeguarding

Ensuring safeguarding arrangements remain effective while the school transitions to opening more widely is a key priority. Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy was updated during the partial closure to include provisions for keeping pupils safe – we will continue to follow these procedures for the few pupils who may remain at home (i.e. due to shielding/self-isolation), where appropriate, until all pupils return to school. We will continue to ensure that if anyone in the school has a safeguarding concern about a pupil, they act immediately and that a DSL or deputy DSL is always available.

We would like to thank you for your understanding and assure you that we will keep you updated in regard to any recommendations issued by the DfE, other government agencies and/or Public Health England; and advise you of any changes to our procedures that these recommendations may result in.

Best wishes,

John Cusack

