



## Maryport Church of England Primary School

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## Newsletter February 2021

As we approach the February half term break, I wish to once again send out thanks to all the parents and carers who have done such a fantastic job supporting their child's remote learning. The last six weeks have been incredibly difficult for so many people who have had to juggle work commitments and the needs of one or more child. Well done too to the children both in school and at home for showing such resilience and perseverance each and every day.

There will be no new learning set on Friday, we ask that this day is used to finish off any work then spend some time as a family doing something you all enjoy. Remote learning activities will resume on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

As of yet, we have received no information about any plans for after the 8<sup>th</sup> March but I will of course, keep you updated as soon as we hear anything.

### **February Half Term School Closure & Contact Tracing**

During the Half Term holiday, if pupils or staff currently attending school test positive having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (up to 3.15 on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>), please email me immediately on [head@maryport.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:head@maryport.cumbria.sch.uk).

If pupils or staff still attending school test positive during the February Half Term holidays, having developed symptoms after the 14<sup>th</sup>, school is not required to take any action. Staff, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

### **Free online courses for teenagers, parents-to-be, parents, carers, Grandparents and childrens workforce of Cumbria-SOLIHULL**

Check out [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk) for FREE (prepaid) access for all parents and parents-to-be, carers, grandparents, those working with children and young people and teenagers themselves to some really useful and interesting online courses. These cover the below topics:

**COURSES FOR PARENTS/CARERS AND GRANDPARENTS:** use the access code: **WORDSWORTH**

- Understanding your pregnancy birth labour and your baby
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child
- Understanding your teenager's brain
  
- New course - Understanding your child with additional needs

This online course is for parents with a child with additional needs. It is for parents, relatives and friends of children who may have a physical or learning disability or who may have autistic traits. This course is in 2 sections. Level 1 lays the foundation for understanding your child. Level 2 looks at some particular aspects of parenting: sleeping

and anger management, together with more about how we interact with each other. Understanding this can make it easier to work with your child's behaviour as well as supporting their development.

***This means every single Cumbria parent/carer can access the courses completely free of charge! Please help us tell parents!***

These courses are for ALL parents-to-be, parents, grandparents or carers of any child from the antenatal period to age 18 years. Families don't need to be struggling to do these courses. They are also available in other languages and are also relevant to parents/carers of all children, including those with special needs, autism, ADHD etc.

## Support Bubbles

No parent should be struggling alone at this difficult time. Please remember that a support bubble with another household can be formed for people in the following groups:

- your household includes a child who is under the age of one or was under that age on 2 December 2020
- your household includes a child with a disability who requires continuous care and is under the age of 5, or was under that age on 2 December 2020
- you are a single adult living with one or more children who are under the age of 18 or were under that age on 12 June 2020

The full list of people who can form a support bubble is available [here](#).

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

If your circumstances have changed, you may now be entitled to free school meals for your child. If you are eligible, you will currently receive £15 per week food vouchers whilst lockdown is on. Once school is back to being fully reopened, your child will also be entitled to free meals, clothing vouchers, free breakfast club, free music lessons, free day trips and subsidised residential.

Details of how to apply can be found at –

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/freeschoolmeals.asp>