



# Maryport Church of England Primary School

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*'Learn, achieve, shine'*

*Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it. -*

*Proverbs 22:6*

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Dear Parents/carers,

I hope everyone has had a lovely summer break and has had the opportunity to catch up with friends and relatives. As we approach the start of the new academic year, we are all hoping that the disruption to school, and life in general, is now mostly behind us and that we can have a full year of in-school learning.

Over the summer break it has been all go at school as we continue to improve our grounds and building. A newly extended outdoor area for our 2 year olds has been developed and the exterior of the infant end of the building has had a much needed paint. Work on an outdoor prayer space has begun and will be ready for use in the coming weeks.

For the majority of children, school re-opens on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Nursery and Reception parents please refer to the information sent out by Miss Pape and Mrs Brinicombe for starting arrangements. Our Little Acorns 2 year old sessions will restart on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and our baby and toddler club will resume on Friday 10<sup>th</sup>.

The school office will be open on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September from 10.30 to answer any queries or to pick up any uncollected uniform.

We will no longer operate staggered start and finish times but there will be a 10 minute drop off window from 8.45-8.55 each morning. Breakfast club will be open from the 2<sup>nd</sup> and all pupils are welcome to attend from 8am.

- Nursery entrance is via the early years outdoor area
- Reception entrance is via the main KS1 front door – but pickup is at the back door
- Y1 and 2 enter via the classroom doors on the KS1 terrace
- KS2 children (years 3-6) enter via the cloakroom doors on the junior playground – these will be clearly signed and staff will be out on the yard from 8.30



### Year 3s

On the first day, our year 3 staff will be on the yard to welcome the children and to show them to their classrooms. Children who are new to the school will receive a bookbag in the first few days of starting.

Once children are in Year 3, parents may wish to let their child walk home alone if they wish. We do however ask that for the first week the children continue to be collected until they are sure of the procedures and routes they need to take.

### Lunch

All school lunches need to be pre-ordered via Lunchshop. If you are unable to log on then please contact the school office on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September after 10.30.

If your child is bringing a packed lunch then please ensure that it contains healthy choices and is in a clearly labelled lunchbox.

### Uniform

Uniform consists of –

- Navy blue jumper or cardigan – this can be with or without the school badge
- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore
- Optional checked skirt or pinafore – ordered via the school office
- White polo shirt
- Black shoes – no logos

PE kit – this can be worn all day on PE days

- White t shirt
- Black shorts/leggings/joggers
- Optional sky blue hoody

No jewellery is allowed except small stud earrings (to be removed on PE days) and a watch.

### PE days

Nursery/Reception – Friday

Y1/2 – Monday & Friday

Y3 – Wednesday & Thursday

Y4 – Thursday & Friday

Y5 – Wednesday & Thursday

Y6 – Tuesday & Thursday

Forest School sessions will be on Fridays – Miss Huddart will send out dates for each class. Long sleeved tops and old joggers/shoes are advised.

### Communication

In response to the parent survey undertaken in June, we have looked carefully at our communication procedures and have shared with all staff a guide of what to use each platform for. We hope that this helps to make the



process less confusing for parents and more consistent across all the year groups. As part of this, please see below for the most appropriate way for parents to make contact with school.

PLATFORM	EXAMPLE OF COMMUNICATION
Tapestry/Seesaw	Respond to work that has been shared Comment on any homework task STAFF WILL NOT RESPOND AFTER 5PM OR AT WEEKENDS
Email	General queries to be sent to <a href="mailto:admin@maryport.cumbria.sch.uk">admin@maryport.cumbria.sch.uk</a> - office staff will respond or forward on to appropriate staff member
Phone	Ring to inform of absence (before 9.15am), appointments or other attendance issues. General queries/concerns - office staff will respond or pass on to appropriate staff member. Please note that teaching staff will be unable to take calls during class time.

**New Seesaw codes will be sent out at the start of the term for parents to access the new class.**

### Covid measures

As per the latest Government guidance, the majority of covid restrictions have now been lifted. There is no longer a requirement to wear face coverings although please continue to wear one on school premises if you wish. We would also ask that all parents maintain social distancing when dropping off and collecting children. Handwashing/sanitising and room ventilation will remain.

Unfortunately, cases of covid are still within the community and as such a covid contingency plan has had to be drawn up. This explains the measures we will need to take if cases within school begin to rise (see separate letter). One of the key things is that children are no longer expected to isolate if they have been in close contact with a positive case and are expected to still attend school. Parents will be expected to take them for a PCR test.

Should there be 5 positive cases within a year group or 3 in a class, all measures will be reviewed and Cumbria Public Health will determine the next steps in terms of the need to close classes.

Finally..... enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and the sun and we will see everyone next week.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Joanne Ormond

