



Red Marsh School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see all our pupils returning to learning at home and at school.

01st March 2021 – 05th March 2021

Next week, whilst we prepare for wider opening of school, we will continue to work in wave 4 therefore there will be no change to your child's timetable.

World Book Day – 04th March

On Thursday 04th March (or Friday 05th March for Sunshine and Rainbow) we will be celebrating World Book Day. See Showbie for information on how pupils at school and at home can / will be celebrating this day.

08th March 2021

From the 08th March we are very excited that the government have announced all pupils, who are not isolating, can return to school. From this date we are looking forward to pupils attending school for five days a week and welcoming those pupils who are working at home back to school.

In order to continue to work as safely as possible when school opens we will need parents to continue to support us by following our risk assessment, which can be found on the school website.

Attendance

The advice for pupils who have been identified as clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) is to continue to shield and stay at home as much as possible until further notice. We would strongly advise that you follow this guidance if your child is clinically extremely vulnerable. Please inform school via the school office or your child's home school Showbie diary if your child will be learning from home from the 8th March due to their vulnerability. As a school we will support you in your decision and will continue to provide home learning and regular welfare calls for all pupils who continue to learn at home.

Risk Assessment

An important part of this risk assessment is for pupils to only attend school when they are well. This is very important as school is, when fully open, full to capacity with many adults and pupils working together in each bubble. Therefore we need to have procedures in place to reduce risk to our whole school community. These procedures include asking you to keep your child off school if they feel unwell and present with any of the following symptoms.

- aches and pains
- sore throat
- sickness or diarrhoea
- headache
- a rash on skin
- discolouration of fingers or toes

By keeping your child off school for a day or two until they feel better can help protect the whole school community and can often prevent longer periods of absence.

Obviously, no child can attend school if they are displaying the following Covid symptoms:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

If your child develops any of the above symptoms whilst in school we will contact you to ask you to take your child home. We know this can be inconvenient however, it is for the safety of the whole school community. It is therefore important we have up to date contact details for your child. If your contact details change please either ring the school office or inform your child's class teacher by the home school diary, via Showbie.

Administration of Paracetamol / Ibuprofen

May we remind you we will not be administering paracetamol during school hours for symptoms of feeling unwell or high temperature and our risk assessment states that pupils must not attend school if they have been given paracetamol/ibuprofen before the start of the school day. This is very important to ensure no symptoms of Covid-19 are masked by the effect of paracetamol/ibuprofen.

Further guidance

At the present time we are reviewing all the new guidance on the full reopening of schools. The above information will not change unless the government change their minds regarding the opening of schools! However, there are aspects of the guidance which we need to consider further. For example, potential lateral flow testing for secondary and sixth form pupils who may consent to testing. You will be updated as soon as we find out more information. I can however reassure you that pupils and families who do not consent to weekly lateral flow testing can still attend school.

Virtual Parent/Carers Meeting

On Monday 15th March we will be holding a virtual parent/carer appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress. This will take place via Zoom. Parents/carers will receive a 10 minute appointment. More information will follow next week.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Dellow

Headteacher.