



# Red Marsh School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Thank you**

Thank you once again for following our whole school risk assessment. All decisions taken in school, including asking pupils and staff to isolate and have tests for Covid-19, follow Dfe and Public Health guidance. All decisions are taken to ensure the safety of all our pupils and staff.

## **Updated Covid-19 guidance for special schools**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> November the Dfe updated guidance for special schools. This guidance can be found by clicking the link [guidance for special schools and other specialist settings during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

It is very important that all parents read section 2 of this guidance 'Pupils Clinically Extremely Vulnerable'. If your child falls into this category, please inform school and follow the guidance.

Where pupils are not able to attend school as they are following clinical or public health advice related to coronavirus (COVID-19), their absence will not be penalised.

I want to reassure you that whenever new guidance is available we review our whole school risk assessment and adjust accordingly. We also take into consideration the specific needs of the school. Our whole school risk assessment can be found on our website under the Covid-19 tab.

## **Swimming**

Unfortunately swimming has been cancelled for this term. This decision is due to reduced staffing levels and the need, at the present time, to remain in class bubbles.

## **Uniform**

As we are following Dfe and Public Health guidance to keep the school well ventilated it is important that pupils across school wear their full winter uniform. Warm fleeces can be purchased from the school office. In addition, pupils require a winter coat for play and learning outdoors.

Following our risk assessment PE lessons are taking place outside. In order to ensure our pupils remain warm please could parents provide, in addition to the PE kit, a tracksuit or warm leggings which can be left in school for PE lessons.

Please can Sixth Form students dress appropriately in order to remain warm in school and during learning in the community.

## **Friendship, Anti-bullying and Wellbeing Week**

Our annual Friendship and Anti-bullying week was a great success. Pupils were involved in activities to help them learn about building positive relationships, strategies for communicating concerns and ways to gain help if they were being bullied. As part of Friendship week our pupils at home and at school were asked to send a message of hope, in a card, to residents in local care homes. Pupils spent time being helped to think about how this act of friendship could help reduce loneliness in older people in our community. The cards were greatly received. Well done Red Marsh pupils for thinking about others.

Take Care

Catherine Dellow

Headteacher