



Red Marsh School

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Essential Information you must read before your child returns to school

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Dear Parent and Carers,

Inset Day 4th January

We are looking forward to the start of the Spring Term. Tomorrow all staff will be involved in training and preparation to ensure we are ready to welcome our pupils back to school on Wednesday 5th of January.

Procedures for children returning to school on 5th January

It is clear from the news, DfE and Public Health information that we, as a school community, will need to, work together to ensure we can remain fully open to educate all our amazing children. To achieve this, we need to limit any potential spread of Coronavirus.

Limiting the spread of Coronavirus is important for two reasons. Firstly, for the safety of all our children and staff. Secondly, to ensure we have a safe ratio of staff to pupils.

If the virus spreads our staff become ill and have to self-isolate. Due to the rising numbers of cases of Coronavirus across the country and the speed at which this virus is spreading, we have put additional measures in place for the whole of January.

The additional measures are detailed in our updated Risk Assessment (available on our school website) which identifies how our staff are working to ensure your child's safety. It is essential for the full opening of school that parents/ carers follow the following procedures:

- All pupils aged 11-19 must have a negative Lateral Flow Test before returning to school on Wednesday 5th January. Results should be submitted using the school google form, which is available on our website. We will also send you a text with a direct link to this form.
- EYFS and Primary pupils do not need to test, but cannot return to school if they are unwell.
- If your child is unwell, do not send them to school.
- For the next four weeks, we will send home any child who is unwell in school, regardless of their symptoms. This measure is in place in order to limit the spread of potential Coronavirus. We will review this at the beginning of February, or when guidance changes.
- If your child has any symptoms of Coronavirus or has a positive Lateral Flow Test, you must get a confirmatory PCR test. If you do not take your child for a test, they must isolate for the full 10 days.
- Face coverings should be worn in classrooms where pupils are aged 11 and above. This is a recommendation for pupils who can safely manage wearing a face covering.

We understand the needs of our pupils can make it difficult for some parents/ carers to follow the procedures. If these procedures are not followed, we have serious concerns that Coronavirus will spread across school quickly and without a safe staff to pupil ratio we will have to have periods of remote learning with children learning from home. This is the last thing we want to happen. We want our school to remain fully open for all our children however, this will only be possible if everyone helps and follows these procedures.

Thank you

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those families who have consistently worked alongside school to ensure the education and safety of all our pupils and staff during this very challenging time. If we work together, we can continue to provide fantastic teaching and learning for all our pupils in our wonderful school.

Best Wishes,

Jenny Slater and the Team