

# MARDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY Marden, Hereford. HR1 3EW 01432 880208

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Headteacher: Miss M Newton BEd (Hons)

Thursday 16th July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you again for supporting us in the last few weeks and for complying with all of the arrangements that we have put in place.

There is an expectation that every pupil will be back in September and the aim of this letter is to give you a clearer picture of what we will do when we welcome pupils back for the Autumn term. Please be aware that Government guidance now recognises that social distancing between primary pupils is not necessary but staff are asked to keep a 2m distance where possible. Our focus remains on good hygiene and limiting the number of contacts individuals have within the school environment.

### The School Day

## Attendance is expected every day – it will not be optional.

Children will need to arrive at the main gate at their allocated time. The gates will be locked at 9.25am. Anyone arriving late will need to go to front door and use the buzzer.

The beginning and end of day will be staggered to allow for social distancing. Please can only one parent drop off and collect.

Start	Class	Finish
9.15	Class 1	2.45
9.05	Class 2	2.50
9.00	Class 3	3.00
8.55	Class 4	3.05

We politely request that parents do not enter the school premises.

### **Lunches**

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide the usual hot meals in September but you will still be able to order a lunch via the attached menu. Please email any orders to <a href="mailto:admin@marden.hereford.sch.uk">admin@marden.hereford.sch.uk</a> by Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> September for Meals will then commence week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> September. This includes Universal Free School meals and Free School meals. We will keep this under review and we will inform you as soon as the situation changes.

#### Uniform

Children will need to be dressed in school uniform. PE and games kits will need to be left in school. Please ensure that your child has suitable trainers and pumps in school at all times.













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### **Personal items**

The cloakrooms will only be used for coats. Lockers are not available to the KS2 children. All children will keep their belongings under their own desk to avoid other children touching them. No personal items are allowed in school other than lunch boxes, drinks bottles, reading bags, sun hats and coats.

### **Swimming**

Current regulations do not allow us to go swimming but we are hopeful that this will have changed for the Autumn Term.

## **Learning groups**

The children will be kept in their own class. This is their designated learning group and they will not be coming into contact with pupils from any of the other learning groups. There will be no assemblies or after school clubs to prevent children from mixing together. Break times and lunchtimes will be staggered. Children will eat their packed lunch in the classroom. There is currently no fruit or milk on offer for Reception and KS1 pupils.

Following Government guidance we aim to limit the number of contacts that pupils have. However, as staff are now allowed to work across learning groups and we are able to welcome back Adriano, Mr Webb and Madame Davies.

### Catch up programmes

After giving the children a suitable time to settle in, we will be administering tests in phonics, maths, spelling and grammar and reading. These will be relatively short tests but will allow us to identify the children requiring catch up programmes.

Once again we would like to thank you for your continued support during this time. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. We will email if there are any changes to this information.

In the meantime, if there is any way that we can help you, please do not hesitate to contact us via <a href="mailto:admin@marden.hereford.sch.uk">admin@marden.hereford.sch.uk</a>

Yours sincerely

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