



Marden Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Arrangements for September

I am writing to update you on final arrangements for September. We are very excited to be welcoming all children back to school next week; we have missed having a full school. I would like to reassure you that we have done and will do everything we can to make school a safe place for children and adults. The school day will be a bit different and we will all need to make adjustments but children are remarkably resilient and I am sure that the new normal will soon feel just normal!

The comprehensive plan for the full opening of the school can be found here:

<https://www.marden.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=327&type=pdf>

Please try to read this document as it should answer most of your questions. Risk assessments can also be found under the 'latest news' section of the school website. Here is a reminder of the key points:

- Attendance is compulsory for all year groups.
- Children will return in full uniform; on their PE day they will wear their PE kit.
- We have two start and finish times for the school day, Reception and Year 3/4 8:45am to 3:00pm and Year 1/2 and Year 5/6 9:00 to 3:15pm.
- Entry points:
 - Reception – main pupil gate, enter classrooms via ramp
 - Year 1/2 – main pupil gate, enter Year 1/2 classrooms through external classroom door
 - Hawking and Attenborough: car park gate to Year 6 fire exit
 - Nightingale: main pupil gate, enter through cookery area
 - Year 5/6 – car park gate to KS2 playground
- Children will remain in their class bubbles, with consistent adults, throughout the school day.
- Breakfast Club and Late Stay Club will still be available, although children will be organised into smaller groups. There will be a limit of 30 children per session, sessions must be pre-booked through the normal booking process and the spaces will be filled on a first-come first-served basis.
- There will be no after school clubs initially.
- Hot meals will be available although your child may bring a packed lunch. They should also bring a full water bottle and a fruit snack daily.
- We will be teaching a full curriculum.
- Parents/carers will not be able to talk to the teacher when dropping off in the morning although you can contact them via Seesaw. Please ensure that you remember water, snack and lunchbox in

the morning as the office staff will not be able to accept them. Parents/carers will not be allowed to enter the school building and all contact will need to be made by phone or e-mail to the school office.

Staffing News

We have appointed a further Teaching Assistant to the Key Stage 1 team, Miss Winchester. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to Marden.

Leigh Academies Trust

I am pleased to announce that the Department for Education has confirmed that we will become an academy on 1st September. Marden Primary Academy will be part of the Leigh Academies Trust and will benefit from their experience and support. New logo uniform is available on the Price and Buckland website – the logo is the same except that 'school' has changed to 'academy' so please don't worry if your child's current uniform still fits them.

As always, please get in touch if you have any concerns using the following e-mail address:
office@mardenprimaryacademy.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you all on 3rd September!

With best wishes,



Tracy Thomas
Principal