



# Marden Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be the last letter from me before the summer holidays, although there will be an update in August. Before moving on to arrangements for September, I just wanted to say a massive well done and thank you. You have done a great job keeping your child's education going in very strange and extreme circumstances, whilst juggling the various demands of work and family. I am sure that we will all be pleased to get back to a more normal (if not completely normal) life in September.

## **Arrangements for September**

All of the staff are very excited about having all children back from the start of Term 1; whilst we have had over 100 children in school since 1<sup>st</sup> June, we have missed all of the children who were not able to return. I am attaching a full plan for September. It is very important that you read this: it will reassure you that we have thought very carefully in planning a safe return for all children from 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Here are some of the more vital elements of the plan:

- Attendance is compulsory for all year groups.
- Children will return in full uniform; on PE days they will wear their PE kit.
- We have two start and finish times for the school day, some children will be in school from 8:45am to 3:00pm and for others it will be 9:00 to 3:15pm.
- Some children will be dropped off and picked up at the pupil gate, some children will enter through the car park entrance.
- 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 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.

School will look a bit different from September. Please talk to your child about how things might look different and reassure them that lots will still be the same. Teachers will send out videos via Seesaw on Friday so that children know what to expect in September.

## **Classes**

We have revisited our Upper Key Stage 2 class structures to allow us to close gaps and prepare children as well as we possibly can for secondary school. A further letter detailing the changes will be sent out tomorrow.

## **Staffing News**

I am delighted to announce that Miss Holmes is going to train to be a teacher. Whilst we are sad to lose Miss Holmes, we are sure that she will be a brilliant teacher and wish her every success.

Mrs Stokes has sadly left us as the family is relocating to the West Country. Mrs Stokes has been a real asset to the school and we will really miss her.

Mrs Stevens is also leaving Marden as her family is also relocating to the West Country! Thank you for all you have done for Marden Primary, Mrs Stevens, and good luck for this exciting new chapter.

We have a new Cover Supervisor starting in Reception, Miss Burbage, and also a new Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 1, Miss Eastwood. I am sure you will make them both feel very welcome.

## **Leigh Academies Trust**

Plans to academise and join the Leigh Academies Trust are progressing and we are on track for a 1<sup>st</sup> September conversion. I will update you on the availability of new logo uniform when more information becomes available. There will be a transition period of at least one year so please don't worry if your child's current uniform still fits them. From September, we will be Marden Primary Academy, I will be a Principal and Miss Chown and Miss Beckett will be Vice Principals.

I will be checking my e-mails periodically over the summer so please get in touch if you have any concerns. The latest version of the September plan will always be available on our website and we will send urgent updates via Parentmail.

It just remains for me to wish you a very happy and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you all on 3<sup>rd</sup> September!

With best wishes,



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