



Newsletter July 2020

July

The whole school is closing on 21st July. Staff are returning on 1st September. The school telephone and emails will be monitored throughout the holiday but not regularly.

Changes in September

We are opening for the new Reception children on Wednesday 2nd September (9-12 with a meeting with Mrs Moore in the hall at 9.15am). All children in all year groups will start full-time on Thursday 3rd September. We will send another newsletter towards the end of August to finalise things in this everchanging climate. At the moment our plans are:

- School Uniform will be worn
- We will provide a new drink bottle for every child
- PE will return to normal so every child needs a PE kit in school Monday to Friday
- The Farm Kitchen will provide a school meal – this will be a pack up until October half term. We then hope to return to hot meals. Please order as you have done previously.
- Breakfast club will be up and running – book in through Parentmail as you did before, on or after 1st September
- After school club will be Monday for KS2 (L&F) and Friday for KS1 (M) run by JB Sports
- We will have staggered drop off and collection times – see below
- A ‘recovery curriculum’ will be in place to help children settle in
- Frequent handwashing and hand sanitising will be in place for all children
- We will encourage children to follow ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ regarding using tissues for sneezing and coughing (please can you explain, demonstrate and practise this with younger children before September)
- We have increased our cleaning regime
- All parents need to engage with NHS test and trace please, if required
- If you are going on holiday to a country where there are quarantine regulations at the time, we expect you to follow the regulations please
- In September we will have two groups, a KS1 group (M&S) and a KS2 group (L&F). By having these groups it will assist with minimising contact between children and reduce the risk of transmission.

Start and finish times

These will be communicated to you nearer September BUT the school day will not be shortened for Y1 to Y6. Just drop off and collections times may be staggered. Families will leave/arrive at the same time, you won’t have to wait for siblings. Children in Reception may have the school day shortened by 10minutes.

Staffing

We have appointed a new class teacher for Class S, Miss Hartley. She has been with us for a couple of weeks and is looking forward to meeting the children in September. Mrs File will continue to support the children in Class S.

School Office

From September we will be moving away from many of our paper-based communications (permissions for trips/clubs etc) and using Parentmail to obtain consent. We are also trying not to have cash through the school

office wherever possible with more payments being available on Parentmail. However, we accept this is not always possible, so please place any cash in an envelope with your child's name on the front.

Parents in school

We are asking parents to continue to use email/telephone to notify us of appointments and to pass messages on to teachers, wherever possible. Please do not enter the school premises unless invited to do so.

Communication

Over the school closure teachers have been communicating directly with parents through their school email address. Please can we ask that parents return to using the school enquiries@mareham.lincs.sch.uk email address.

We are hopefully moving most of our communication over to Parentmail from September. This will make it easier for payments, completing forms and messaging. If you haven't already done so, please download the Parentmail App and check you know your login details. If you have forgotten them, please email school and we will send the details again. New parents will receive login details in September.

We will send another newsletter via email before September with more details.

Please do not spend the summer holidays worrying about returning to school in September. We understand some children will be particularly anxious about starting back. All the decisions made about returning in September have been done after consulting the DfE guidance and with the aim of making our return safe for children, their families, our staff and the wider community.

If after receiving the next newsletter, you still have concerns please phone school on 1st or 2nd September and speak to Mrs Moore in the first instance.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and co-operation over the last few months. Have a great summer.

Mrs Moore
Headteacher

Diary Dates

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September

2nd Wednesday: **ONLY** Reception 2020 induction 9am to 12noon. Parent meeting in school hall at 9.15am

3rd Thursday: School officially re-opens. Further details to follow.

Term dates for 2020/21 are on the school website.