



Newsletter September 2021 v2

Dear parents,

I want to share the school's current position on how we are continuing to manage Covid19 and changes since July.

We are continuing with extra handwashing and hand sanitising. The school timetable has returned to normal along with the curriculum. Children will not be kept in 'bubbles' and we have returned to eating together in the school hall at lunchtime. I know the children were excited about this.

For the time being we are continuing with children arriving in their PE kit on days they do PE. Simply because it saves a lot of time not changing during the school day.

Children with symptoms

Children with symptoms should remain at home and take a PCR test. Please note a Lateral Flow Home Test is **NOT** satisfactory to either confirm or rule out if someone has Covid. Children must stay at home until the results of the PCR are received. If the test is positive, children need to self-isolate until the date provided by Test and Trace.

Tracing close contacts and isolation

Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and their parent to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. Schools may be contacted in some cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. **We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so and to remain at home until the results are received.**

Children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal if the PCR test is negative.

Staff Testing

Staff are still self-testing twice a week.

Staffing

Mr Richardson has stayed with us for another year and is teaching in KS1. We are pleased to welcome Miss Rashid on work experience this year in KS1 and Mrs Couchman is joining us at different times during the year, as a student teacher. Mrs Hibberd is joining Mrs Walker in the office one day a week.

Safeguarding

Mrs Moore is our safeguarding Lead with Ms Phillips and Mr Midgley Deputies. If any parents have any concerns regarding safeguarding please speak to one of these teachers.

SENDCO

Ms Phillips is now our Specialist Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCO). If any parents have questions about their child's special educational needs, please contact the office to arrange an appointment.

PE Days

Just a reminder about PE days.

Monday: Class L & S

Tuesday: Class F

Wednesday: Class M

Friday: Class M & F

Please remember children need to wear their school PE kit and school jumper/cardigan on these days. School PE shorts are burgundy. If your child wishes to wear black cycling shorts under their school PE shorts, that is fine.

As the weather gets cooler, children can wear dark coloured joggers or leggings.

All the uniform is available from Nationwide Uniform in Spilsby.

Uniform

I would just like to thank everyone for wearing all the correct uniform. I talk to the children a lot about being proud to wear the Mareham Le Fen uniform and how smart everyone looks and what a good example they set to visitors of the school.

Mrs A Moore

Diary Dates

Friday 15th October: Individual school photos am.

Friday 10th December: Panto Day in school. School menus have all been changed to a pack up on this day.

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| Term 1 | Monday | 06th September 2021 |
| | To | |
| | Thursday | 21st October 2021 |
| Term 2 | Monday | 1st November 2021 |
| | To | |
| | Friday | 17th December 2021 |
| Bank Holidays:- Monday 27 th & Tuesday 28 th December 2021 Monday 3 rd January 2022 | | |
| Term 3 | Tuesday | 4th January 2022 |
| | To | |
| | Friday | 11th February 2022 |
| Term 4 | Monday | 21st February 2022 |
| | To | |
| | Thursday | 31st March 2022 |
| Bank Holidays:- Friday 15th April & Monday 18th April 2022 | | |
| Term 5 | Tuesday | 19th April 2022 |
| | To | |
| | Friday | 27th May 2022 |
| Bank Holidays:- Monday 2nd & Monday 30 th May 2022 | | |
| Term 6 | Monday | 6th June 2022 |
| | To | |
| | Friday | 22nd July 2022 |