



Marches Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

INFORMATION AT THIS TIME:

Firstly, thank you for your ongoing support at this difficult time. We appreciate how much disruption this new National Lockdown has created for our families. Please be assured that we are working hard to plan the best education possible for all pupils, whether they are learning remotely from home or in school. From Wednesday 6th January to Friday 8th January we will be using the Oak Academy materials for home school learning. You will receive links for these resources via email and Seesaw this evening.

We are currently working on a remote learning package that will mirror the activities that will take place in school in the following weeks. You will receive details of this no later than Friday evening. The expectation is that all children will complete at least three hours of learning within core subjects each day. Teachers will communicate this learning via Seesaw, so please contact the office if you are unable to access the app.

For pupils who will be attending school, you will have been contacted already if your child has secured a place in one of our school bubbles. We will be sending weekly surveys to gather details for the following week. We will require the days you wish to access childcare as well as any updated emergency contacts we need. From this, we will then collate registers for the week ahead. We will send the survey every Wednesday and will require this information **by THURSDAY at 12pm** each week please. If you do not respond to the survey by this time, your child will be unable to attend the following week as we will not have the staffing required to chase people who have not responded.

All children in school will need to wear school uniform with trainers and you must ensure that your child arrives at school with a waterproof coat, gloves, hats and a water bottle. Children will need to bring a packed lunch also.

Children will all be taught in their usual class bubble by their class teacher/support assistants. Drop off and pick up arrangements remain the same and all adults are required to wear a mask whilst they are on the school grounds. All children will be asked to arrive at school at 8.45am and pick up will be 3.15pm. Please be prompt with these times.

It is important that you contact the school office by no later than 9.15am if your child is unwell and cannot attend school for any reason. If your child is unwell they should not be attending school and if anyone in your household is displaying symptoms, your child is not permitted to attend school.

If you are entitled to benefit related Free School Meals, you should have already received an email advising that the vouchers will be with you within the next 24 hours for Wednesday to Friday this week. We are still waiting on the Government's announcements on Free School Meals after this week, and we will contact you in due course.

Keep safe everyone and we will update you soon,

Zillah Cope
Headteacher

The Marches Academy Trust incorporating: Alliance of Leading Learning, Grange Primary School, The Grove School, Longlands Primary School, Lower Heath C of E Primary School and Nursery, The Marches School, Oakmeadow C of E Primary School and Nursery, Shrewsbury Academy, Sir John Talbot's School, Tilstock C of E Primary School and Nursery

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