



Wigan Council Education Department



## MARSH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we prepare to come back for September I wanted to outline the measures we have taken to keep pupils, staff and community members safe. It is important that we all try to keep within these new guidelines.

Children will return and work within their class bubbles. This means that for the time being there will be no large scale assemblies. PE will still take place and we will encourage a large proportion of learning to take place outdoors.

We will still need to maintain a one way system around the school to prevent congestion. The ONLY entrances to school will be from Kitt Green Road Main entrance) and Vulcan Road (top playground). The ONLY exits will be via Vulcan Road and onto Heyford Road (bottom end of school). I do appreciate that this entails a longer walk and can take some time to take children to their classes but this is necessary for the safety of all. If you do need to travel to school by car please think carefully about the best place to park - this will probably not be the top car park.

We need to limit what children bring into school to a minimum to help us with cleaning. Please only send your child in with: PE kit (in a drawstring bag), book bag and packed lunch if they are not on a school dinner. Please remember that all children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal. Please keep any lunch boxes compact and avoid large rucksack type bags. To reduce impact on mixing bubbles it is crucial that packed lunches arrive with your child in a morning and are not delivered later.



Nurseries will open their doors between 8:30-8:50am. Children need to be collected by 11:30. Afternoon sessions will begin at 12:30pm and children need to be collected by 3:15pm

For the rest of school, classroom doors will be open between 8:40-9am and at the end of the day between 2:50-3:10pm. This is to keep congestion to a minimum on the playground. Please be mindful of social distancing on the playground and only come during the times published to prevent queues forming. Parents are allowed on the playground as long as we can stick within these distancing guidelines and the entry/exit gates are adhered to.

To prevent crowding in our main reception area we can only accept 2 people at a time and we ask that you wear a face covering to protect our office staff. There will be staff available on the playgrounds to try to answer any questions and to reduce pressure on the office staff. Please also consider returning at a less busy time to deal with office personnel.

Regular hand-washing and sanitising will take place throughout the day, and every classroom has its own sink areas. There will also be regular cleaning of communal areas such as toilets.

Fortunately we were able to welcome many of our children back before the Summer break so we know which strategies work well. Your child may feel anxious about returning to school after such a long time but please reassure them that we have made it as safe as possible and we are looking forward to working as a Marsh Green family once again.

Lessons will resume but there will be a focus on children's development as a whole. Where possible we will be spending a lot of time outdoors and we are lucky enough to have plenty of space for this. We want this to be a time where we recognise the wide range of talents our children have and to give them the time to become familiar again with school life.

It is important that anyone who is displaying the symptoms of a persistent cough, temperature or loss of taste or smell does not attend the school site until a test has been taken and negative results given.

I hope I have answered some of the many questions you must have at this anxious time.

Yours faithfully  
Mrs G Leigh

