



Live To Learn. Learn To Grow

Newsletter
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We have come to end of the first half term of this academic year and every day I have been so impressed with all the learners who have shown an enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. I have also been very proud of the parental support and staff dedication. I hope that you all have a safe and relaxed half term. This Newsletter contains some important information for next half term so please read it very carefully.

Google Classroom Home Learning



Home Learning tasks will continue to be set online. All the learners will have been shown how to access their tasks and so we ask that you continue to support your child in completing them. For a small number of teacher identified learners in each class, Home Learning will be sent home using an alternative means.

In KS1 teacher identified learners will receive a paper copy of their Home Learning. Parents will need to take a photo of the learning and then email it to the class teacher. In KS2 teacher identified learners will have their Home Learning task emailed to the learner's parents.

In very rare cases, paper copies will be provided to learners of all ages following a discussion with the class teacher and member of the Inclusion team.

We are sending Home Learning home via Google classroom because if your child's class has to go into isolation, daily learning tasks will be set on this platform and you and your child will need to know how to confidently use the app. It is vital that you and your child become familiar with this way of learning as we will be following these procedures for as long as we are in this pandemic.

Home Learning Agreement



To keep you and your child/ren safe, we ask that you read the Online Safety Policy and that you sign the Acceptable Use Agreement. Both documents will be sent to you by your child's class teacher. Please email the signed agreement back to your child's class teacher.

Learning Powers

We are very excited about the introduction of new Learning Powers into school. Learners will all become empowered to use words to describe their attitudes towards their learning. Please ask your child about the Learning Powers discussed so far. They should be able to talk confidently about perseverance and motivation in terms of what these look like, feel like and sound like. Please think about activities they do outside of school where they have to be encouraged to use these powers. Talk about how you have had to persevere or demonstrate motivation in life or at work. A new learning power will be introduced each month and each week a learner in the class will be awarded for how well they have demonstrated the power in their learning

Here are a set of photographs showing the layering of Art skills in Year 3



School Uniform

When the learners started back in school on the 2nd of September, they all looked so smart in their new jumpers however some children are no longer coming into school wearing the correct uniform. Please can you ensure that your child returns to school after Half Term in the correct uniform. Girls must wear school shoes and not boots and all learners, except for Nursery, must wear a tie. Below is the uniform list.

The full school uniform:

- The Marsden School jumper or cardigan with logo
 - White shirt with rigid collar
 - School tie
 - Black skirt/trousers/pinafore
 - White/black socks or tights – no coloured socks
- Black school shoes – **no trainers/ no ballet pumps/boots**

For PE:

- Black shorts/track-track suit trousers
 - White T-shirt
 - Plimsoles
- Marsden Jumper



Responding to Covid-19 this Half Term Holiday

Please can I ask that you all keep you and your families safe this Half Term. As you know Lancashire is in Tier 3. This means:

- Meeting anyone outside of your household or support bubble is banned.
- Meeting people outside your household in any indoor situation is banned.
- People are advised against leaving the Tier 3 area other than for things like work or education
- Residents are also advised against staying overnight in other parts of the UK if they live in a Tier 3 area

To avoid, as much as possible, you or your family falling ill due to Covid-19, please follow these rules. Please can I urge you not to make any arrangements to go abroad at this time!

Returning to school after Half Term

It is essential that you let school know if someone in your family has symptoms or suspects they have symptoms. Your child must not come into school if someone has symptoms or has been for a test and is awaiting results. If someone has tested positive in the family then children in the family should stay at home and isolate for 14 days. If your child is showing any Covid-19 symptoms, please keep them at home until they can have a test and receive a negative result.

!!Warning!!

We have been alerted to the fact that some families are using Covid-19 as an excuse to travel abroad for a family holiday! This is illegal as you are providing false information. The School has been advised to report any family falsely reporting a Covid-19 case. Please remember that if you are thinking of doing this, you are not only putting your families in harm's way but if you fail to isolate on your return you will be putting the whole school community in danger.

Some FAQ's

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
<i>Will my child's Google classroom Home Learning be responded to?</i>	Home learning tasks can be emailed back to the teacher when complete, but the teacher will only review the learning on the day that it is due in.
<i>What should I do if my child does not understand the learning?</i>	An email needs to be sent to the class teacher asking them for support. The class teacher will either provide guidance in school or, if your child is in isolation, they will either phone or email back support.
<i>If my child's class goes into lockdown, will the learning sent be reviewed on a daily basis</i>	Yes, all learners whilst in lockdown will need to complete tasks daily and send the learning back to the teacher daily.

<i>Can my child bring their book bag to school?</i>	Book bags cannot be brought into school. We have no safe way of storing the book bags. We will continue to send home reading books in plastic wallets.
<i>Can my child hang their coat up in the cloakroom?</i>	The school has been looking into this and the only year groups where this is feasible will be the Year 5, Year 1 and 2 as these bubbles will not cross. Other year groups risk bubbles crossing in the cloakroom when hanging coats up.
<i>How will my child sanitise their hands if they are wearing gloves?</i>	Please can all children take their gloves off before entering the school gate.
<i>As it will be colder when we return, what measures are in place to keep my child safe from catching a normal cold?</i>	The promotion of good respiratory and hand hygiene has become normal school culture promoting the catch it, bin it kill it approach.
<i>As it is getting colder, will my child be provided with a warm school dinner?</i>	Warm dinners will continue to be provided on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
<i>If my child has a high temperature and it goes down after I have given them Calpol, can they go to school?</i>	No. If a child has a high temperature, they may have Covid-19. They should be tested for Covid-19 and they must self-isolate.
<i>Now that it is cold and the heating is on how will the school ensure ventilation of the rooms?</i>	We will open the windows for limited periods of time during the day. The windows will be opened in the morning before the learners start school and while the learners are at break.
<i>Will my child be able to play on the climbing frame?</i>	Yes, class bubbles will be timetabled to play on the equipment.
<i>Will my child still be sitting in rows?</i>	In consultation with Health and Safety the children will be sitting in groups after the half term. This will allow for a better learning experience. All other safety measures such as regularly washing hands will remain in place.
<i>Will my child be able to play outdoors?</i>	All learners, within their bubble will have a morning play and then a 20min play after they have eaten their dinner which will still be in their class bubble.