



# Marshside

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, we have reached the end of week 2. I feel like I've been here so much longer already due to the warm welcome that you have all shown me - thank you!

I recognise that it has been a challenging time for you all with regards to adapting to new routines and also putting your trust in us when there is a lot of confusion and scary press reporting out there.

I would like to reassure you that our risk assessment is constantly being updated to reflect the changes in school and the local climate. Sefton have put in additional advice about the presence on playgrounds by adults collecting their children and the wearing of facemasks for visiting adults onsite. We will also be wearing masks at the drop off and collection times. Please can I remind you to adhere to the times as best you can to eliminate that congestion on the playground. Numbers of Covid cases in Sefton are growing, so we all need to do our bit to stop the spread.

### **Drop off and collection times**

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Drop Off	8:45am	8:50am	8:50am	8:55am	8:55am	8:45am	8:45am
Collection	3:15pm	3:20pm	3:20pm	3:25pm	3:25pm	3:20pm	3:25pm

If you have more than one child attending the school; please come for the later time. I know that usually this is a social time where you can catch up with other parents, but the pandemic is on the rise so please do limit your time on the school grounds.

### **Class Dojo**

Hopefully you are enjoying the app and the ability to message class teachers and myself. Please do keep checking in daily as this is updated throughout the day. There are numerous guides online to help support you in using the site too. Please remember that to communicate with us you do not need to purchase the 'at home' package.

### **Website**

Our website is currently under reconstruction so things may look a little different. You can access it by using the link: [www.marshsideprimary.org.uk](http://www.marshsideprimary.org.uk). Over the coming weeks and

months we will be looking to improve our communication with you and we will be asking you for your opinions about how you best access information.

### Change of Circumstances

We recognise that during these bizarre times some families may have experienced some real hardships and due to the pandemic people may now find themselves out of work. Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

The government also provides free school meals to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. From next week there is a return of a "hot option" for school meals as well as a packed lunch option with full services resuming in the not too distant future.

I will be updating Dojo regularly so please do keep your eyes open! Thank you so much for your support during these testing times. Please do rest assured we are all doing our best to make school a safe, fun and productive place to be!

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Natasha Sandland  
Headteacher

