



Marsh Hill Weekly Newsletter



Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week in school and at long last we have had signs of spring and the children have been looking for the usual signs.

As you know, all schools and colleges will be closed today for all children across the country until further notice. However, we are open to vulnerable children or those whose parents are keyworkers. We have been guided by the Department for Education who says *'If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your child / children will be prioritised for education provision'*.

Free School Meal pupils

If your child is eligible for free school meals, and **not** entitled to attend school you will be contacted on Monday 23rd March and advised when to collect your food - this does not include Universal infant Free School Meals.

Home Learning

All children currently in school will have received their Home Learning Pack with a letter outlining suggested online activities to support learning. Also included is a reading book. If your child is currently absent from school you or a friend can collect their pack from the school office from Monday 23rd March.

Reports

As we were unable to meet with parents this week regarding your child's learning, teachers have prepared a written report detailing your child's progress, attainment and attitude to learning so far. The report will be included in the learning packs.

Ongoing Communication

We are all entering into uncertain times and it is therefore crucial, that when we do receive updates from the DfE about school closure that we pass them on to you.

We will keep our website updated with any correspondence as and when we have it and will notify you via text that the website has been updated. It is therefore crucial we have your most up to date contact details. Please check with the school office to confirm your contact details.

We have also created an email account help@marshill.bham.sch.uk which can be used if you have problems accessing online resources.

Finally,

Thank you for your continued support in these extremely challenging times, as we continue to prioritise the wellbeing of the children. In the meantime, stay safe and I sincerely look forward to welcoming you back into school in due course.

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers—we hope you have a special day!

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Marlene Douglas—Head Teacher
and the Marsh Hill Team.



Please follow us on **Twitter** for regular updates @marsh_hill
Otherwise, you can still keep right up to date by looking at the school website:

www.marshall.bham.sch.uk



Value for March is Caring



COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It's caused by a virus called coronavirus.

If you think you may have the virus or have been in close contact with someone that has the virus.

Stay at home and avoid close contact with other people if you have either:

a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

DO NOT go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital

Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service which will tell you if you need to continue to stay at home (self-isolate) or if you need medical help.

Going abroad or thinking of going abroad?

If you are planning a holiday abroad or have a holiday booked. Please contact the DfE for further information and guidance.

Telephone:- 0800 046 8687

Email:-

DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

The advice line is open from 8am until 6pm Monday to Friday.



None of us want to breathe in car exhaust fumes so **please switch off your engine** when waiting outside school to collect children.