

St Mark's C.E. Primary School & Little Lions' Nursery



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, WE DID IT!!!! A huge thank you for a really successful eight weeks of home learning. We know that it has not been the easiest time for children, parents or staff, but you have all dived in head first and done the best that you possibly could. I am sure you are by now eagerly anticipating the children's return to school and I know that the staff are excited to have their classrooms full of children's laughter again. We know that there will be nerves and a little apprehension on Monday, but I wanted to take a moment to reassure you we will do everything in our power to keep your children as safe as we possibly can.

Over the last 8 weeks, we have as a school community, learned new skills; fought to ensure the children are provided with the best possible education in the given circumstances; worked together as a community to ensure everyone had food.

Earlier this week I posted our returning to school guidance on our school Dojo Page, website and Facebook. The website for the documentation is: <https://www.saintmarks.wigan.sch.uk/information-for-parents/re-opening-documents>

Please ensure that if you have any queries, worries or questions, you call the school office or speak to myself or a member of pastoral.

World Book Week has been just as magical as ever this week, with children and staff dressing up both in school and on zoom. I was blown away by some of the innovative ideas and homemade costumes.

Today, I have also published a letter regarding covid testing at home for families of school aged children. This outlines how to receive and collect testing kits where required. This website for this document is: <https://www.saintmarks.wigan.sch.uk/school-office/letters-home>. This letter can also be found on the school Dojo Page and Facebook.

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A reminder to our families in Year 2 and Breakfast Club, that these bubbles will remain closed until Tuesday 9th March. Your child will still have access to remote learning.

As always, we ask for your continued support in keeping the children and the rest of our school community safe in the current pandemic by:

- Ensuring that you wear a mask at pick up and drop of times (unless you are exempt)
- Refrain from entering the school site except for drop off/collection
- Not linger around the school gate or in groups with other parents
- Maintain social distancing guidelines when journeying to school
- Drop off your children exactly on time
- Pick up your children exactly on time. Pupils cannot be picked up early/dropped off late as this would involve parents having to enter the school site and our office staff having to collect them from class. This would also cause difficulties in maintaining a separation between other bubbles who will be arriving/leaving at earlier/later times.
- Contact us via e-mail or phone if you need to speak with a member of staff
- Let us know in advance if your child is feeling particularly anxious
- Let us know in advance if your child has suffered a bereavement, separation or loss during their time away from school so that we can fully support them on their return
- Ensure we have up to date contact details for you and keep your phone switched on
- Stick to government guidelines regarding lockdown whilst outside of school in order to protect the whole school community

We look forward to seeing you on Monday! Stay safe,
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