



**Marton Primary
Academy and Nursery**
BRIGHT FUTURES EDUCATIONAL TRUST

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another very busy week with the children continuing to make progress across the curriculum. Understandably, parents have been asking a range of questions linked to COVID as everybody works together to protect our school community. Please see below some frequently asked questions. If you need further clarity on anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Frequently Asked Questions

What should I do if my child develops COVID-19 symptoms?

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- new continuous cough and/or
- fever (temperature of 37.8°C or higher)
- loss of or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops any of these symptoms, you must arrange for them to have a PCR test as soon as possible. A PCR test can be arranged via the NHS UK (www.nhs.uk) website or by contacting NHS 119 via telephone if you do not have internet access.

Your child should self-isolate immediately and they should not attend school.

Please contact the school by phone to inform us your child has COVID-19 symptoms, and you are awaiting a COVID-19 test.

What should I do if my child has COVID-19 confirmed by PCR test?

Anyone with COVID-19 confirmed by PCR test should self-isolate until the latest of:

- 10 days after the onset of their symptoms, or
- 10 days after their test day if they are asymptomatic

Self-isolation means your child should not go to school, attend any out of school activities or visit a friend's house. They should not visit any public places, use public transport or go out to exercise. You should not have visitors into the home except for those providing essential care.

Please contact the school by phone and inform us your child has COVID-19 confirmed by PCR test. It is really important you let us know if your child has confirmed COVID-19 so we can monitor the number of children with COVID-19 across the school.

What should I do if my child is a contact of someone with COVID-19 confirmed by PCR test?

If your child is aged under 18 years and 6 months and does not have any symptoms of COVID-19 (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of or change in, normal sense of taste or smell) they do not have to self-isolate as a contact of COVID-19.

They are advised to have a PCR test unless they have had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days.

Children aged 5 and under are not advised to take a PCR test unless the confirmed case is someone in their own household.

What should I do if my child has a positive result on a lateral flow device test?

If your child has a positive result on a lateral flow device test, they should self-isolate immediately and you should arrange a PCR test as soon as possible.

Other members of the household do not need to self-isolate whilst you await the PCR test result if they do not have symptoms and are aged under 18 years and 6 months or are fully vaccinated.



Reception Gazette Photographs



On Thursday, 30th September the Gazette will be coming into school to take a photograph of our reception children which will appear in the local newspaper.



Flu Vaccination



In October the school nurses will be coming into school to vaccinate all children. You will be sent a letter during the next few weeks, if you DO NOT wish your child to be vaccinated you have to contact the nursing team. Every child will be vaccinated unless you opt out.



Nursery spaces



We now have spaces available for two and three year olds in our Marton Minis. If you or someone you know requires a place please contact Mrs Thorpe as soon as possible.



Parking



Please avoid parking on the yellow zigzag lines outside school. This week some parents have found it difficult driving around the turning circle due to parked cars being illegally parked. Safety is paramount and we ask that all parents are vigilant when parking, ensuring that the safety of our school community is not jeopardised. Please remember that the Coop are kindly letting parents park in their car park.



Congratulations

Star

Marton Suite – Hannah

Reception - Bailey

1A Elijah

1B Oliver

2A Mylee

3A Jakobi

4A Keitija

5A Hannah

5B Angel

6A Paulin

6B All of Miss Shaddick's
English Group

Doobee

1A Elizabeth

1B Freya

2A Hugo

3A Harry

4A Darcy

5A Matthew

5B John Brian

6A Mason

6B Maddie E

Learning Power

1A Emily

1B Harper

2A Olivia, Hephzibah, Orrin and Luke

3A The whole class

4A Brooklyn

5A Oscar, Shainne and Skylar

5B Amelia, Lacey, Freddie, Marley and
Rocco

6A Oliver, James, Max and Aaron

6B Brandon

Words of the Week

Rec busy and kind

Year One fierce and never

Year Two identical and vast

Year Three peculiar and summit

Year Four familiar and exceed

Year Five interpret and parched

Year Six triumphant and ordeal



Free School Meals



Schools receive a substantial sum of money for **every child** entitled to free school meals in their budget and this money is spent directly on supporting children's learning. However, for schools to receive this additional money, children who are entitled to free school meals **MUST** be registered before the **Schools' National Data Count** on 1st October 2021.

To enable our school to receive all the money we can to support our children's learning, we **urge you to register** as soon as possible if your child is entitled to free school meals, **even** if you want them to have a packed lunch or are in receipt of Universal Infant Free School Meals.

Who is eligible?

Your child/children may be eligible to receive free school meals if you are in receipt of **any** of the following:

- Income Support
- Income- based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are 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

Please note if you are in receipt of Housing Benefit / Council Tax Benefit you may not have to fill in a form for Free School Meals. However, if you are unsure please ring the Assessment Team for advice on **01253 478940** or email **fsm@blackpool.gov.uk**

How do I apply for Free School Meals?

The application form can be completed online at www.blackpool.gov.uk. If you don't have access to the internet you are more than welcome to use school facilities, simply call at the school office to arrange an appropriate time. Alternatively, telephone the Assessment Team on **01253 478940** if you would prefer a paper form to be forwarded in the post.

What information do I need to submit when I apply for free school meals?

If you are in receipt of Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Guarantee Pension Credits or Income Related Employment Support Allowance you may need to provide a copy of your latest letter of entitlement. If you receive Child Tax Credits you may need to provide a copy of **ALL** of the pages from your latest entitlement letter. You will be informed if this information is needed when you phone.



Dates for the Diary



Thursday, 30th September

Reception Class Photo

Thursday, 21st October 2021

School Closed for Half Term

Monday, 1st November 2021

School Re-opens

Thank you
Mrs Alice Coyle
Head of School

Mrs Ruth Coupe
Executive Principal