

# MARSHFIELD CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/carers,

As you will be aware, yesterday the Government amended the guidance in the relation to self-isolation and social distancing. Please see links below from the Government and NHS which you may find helpful. **These links are updated daily:**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/common-questions/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

While the situation continues to quickly evolve, I wanted to assure you that the School continues to spend considerable time on contingency planning and have put in place further measures to help limit the chances of the spreading the virus at school. These include: suspending whole school assemblies, closing the school water fountain and closing the school to all visitors and volunteers.

**We continue to rely heavily on parental support in keeping children at home who are exhibiting symptoms.**

**Check Government guidance daily**

## What to do if your child has symptoms

Please keep your child at home for 7 days if they have either:

- a high temperature, a new continuous cough

Please note that although your child can return to school after 7 days, members of the household will need to self-isolate for 14 days. Your child will not need to remain in isolation with you for longer than 7 days, as the infection will already be out of their system, whereas it may still be incubating in family members.

## What to do if you or another member of you household needs to self-isolate:

The guidance has changed regarding the self-isolation of those more vulnerable to the illness and in light of this your child may be required to self-isolate even if they are not displaying any symptoms. See guidance [here](#) regarding who is being classed as vulnerable. The guidance regarding self-isolation of a household can be found [here](#).

If your child is self-isolating at home, there are number of activities they can do and resources that can be accessed online. Please see the document at the end of this letter for some ideas to keep your child learning and active.

## Attendance information

Where a pupil is unable to attend school due to illness, the absence will be categorised as "I" (illness – authorised). Where a pupil is unable to attend school due to self-isolation in accordance with the DfE and Public Health England guidance, this will be categorised as a "Y" (exceptional circumstances – authorised). If a parent chooses to keep their child at home for any reason that is not required by the Government guidance, this will be categorised as unauthorised.



If you are leaving a message on the school absence line, or advising the school of an absence via email, please specify the reason for the absence so that the office can correctly categorise the reason for non-attendance.

### **School Clubs**

We will continue to run Cross Country and Multi-Sports with Mr Hull as usual. This is because these clubs are only open to Marshfield School Children, and Mr Hull remains in school with us covering PPA as normal. We will provide advice regarding Football and Martial Arts as when we get it, as these clubs are run by external providers.

If you choose for your child not to attend Cross Country or Multi-Sports, please let the office know so that we can update the club attendance register.

### **Food Bank Provision**

We fully appreciate that during this uncertain time, families and members of the community will struggle. Please see below some links you may find useful:

**Food Support:** <https://oneyou.southglos.gov.uk/eat-well/food-poverty-support/>

**Feeding Britain:** <https://feedingbritain.org/>

**Local Food banks:** <https://www.southglos.gov.uk/documents/Food-Bank-Thornbury2-2016.pdf>

<https://www.southglos.gov.uk/documents/Food-Bank-Yate-CSodbury3-2016.pdf>

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is also available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education. Parents can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

### **Home learning books**

As shared in our previous communication, books will be sent home today in preparation for if we need to close the school.

In the event of closure, learning opportunities will be communicated with parents via email.

We are very appreciative of your support as we continue to navigate the most pragmatic course possible for the pupils and the wider Marshfield community, within the context of a rapidly evolving and unprecedented situation.

Kind regards

Jessica Bolt  
Head Teacher



## Home Learning Ideas

What can you do when you aren't at school and have to stay at home? Here are some fun learning ideas to choose from.

<p><b>1 Get reading!</b> Get comfy, choose a good book and lose yourself to a new world. Or look up new information. What would you like most to learn about?</p> 	<p><b>2 Draw a view!</b> Look out of a window in your home. What can you see? Try looking very closely at an object and drawing every detail.</p> 	<p><b>3 Write a postcard</b> Write a postcard to your teacher and your friends. Can you tell them what you like most about them and their company?</p>	<p><b>4 Junk model</b> Collect and recycle materials such as yoghurt pots, boxes and empty toilet rolls. What can you create with them?</p>	<p><b>5 Get sketching</b> Find a photograph or picture of a person, pet, place or object to sketch. Can you use shading?</p> 
<p><b>6 Celebrate you!</b> Make a list of things that make you happy, a list of things that you are good at and a list of things you are grateful for.</p>	<p><b>7 Board game</b> Make a homemade board game and play it with your family! Will it have a theme?</p> 	<p><b>8 Read aloud</b> Read aloud to a person or pet in your family. Remember to use expression and character voices!</p>	<p><b>9 Write a review</b> Write a review about a book, a film, a television programme or a computer game. Would you recommend it to your friends?</p>	<p><b>10 Become an inventor</b> Can you design a new gadget that will help people? Draw a picture and write a description of how it works.</p> 
<p><b>11 Be kind!</b> Pay someone a compliment, make something for them, write something for them or help them with a task!</p>	<p><b>12 Write a play script</b> Can you act it out to other people? Can you perform more than one character?</p> 	<p><b>13 Get building</b> You could build a Lego model, a tower of playing cards or anything you can imagine!</p>	<p><b>14 Create a story bag</b> Collect items in your home that link together. Can you make up or retell a story using the items?</p>	<p><b>15 Thank a community hero</b> Think of someone that helps you in some way and write a short letter to thank them.</p> 
<p><b>16 Become a designer</b> Design a future uniform or sport kit. Create a persuasive poster to convince others to buy your wonderful product!</p>	<p><b>17 Nature diary</b> Look out of the window each day and keep note of what you see: birds, flowers, changes in the weather.</p>	<p><b>18 Spy code!</b> Create a code using numbers and symbols. Can a family member crack it? What secret messages could you write?</p> 	<p><b>19 Draw a map</b> Can you draw a map of your home or local area? What symbols could you use for interesting objects or landmarks?</p>	<p><b>20 Twists and turns.</b> Can you re-write a fairy tale with lots of different twists? Maybe Cinderella stole the glass slipper from her sisters instead!</p>
<p><b>21 Learn a new skill</b> Learn to tie shoe laces, make your bed, fold your clothes or help adults with peeling and slicing vegetables for your tea!</p>	<p><b>22 Keep moving</b> Make up a dance routine to your favourite song or create an assault course. Get ready to star jump!</p> 	<p><b>23 3D shape or fraction hunt</b> KS1 – How many different 3D shapes can you see in your home? KS2 – What fractions can you find?</p>	<p><b>24 Build a reading den</b> Find somewhere cosy. Use blankets and pillows and snuggle up and read your favourite book.</p>	<p><b>25 Electricity sorting</b> What electrical items do you have at home? Create a poster that sorts them. Do they use batteries or mains power?</p>

Online resources:

[www.twinkl.co.uk/offer](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer)

[www.whiterosemaths.com](http://www.whiterosemaths.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4\\_11/site/literacy.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/literacy.shtml)



