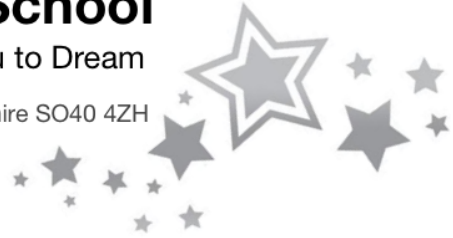




Marchwood Junior School

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Dear Parents

Firstly, I hope you are well and managing the social distancing successfully. I apologise in advance as this is a newsletter of two halves – the first half is for parents who have their children at home. The second half is for parents who have children in school. We have sent it as one letter as many children are only attending school part time and both parts of the letter may be relevant.

Additional activities

At the bottom of this letter is a range of suggested links that your child might find useful whether at home or still attending school. We will continue to share different ideas as we research them

Contact during school closure

If you have any questions or concerns during the school closure, please contact mjsclosure@marchwoodjun.co.uk. This account is being monitored and we will respond as quickly as possible. Vulnerable families are having regular phone calls home to check if we can support with any issues.

Parents of children at home

We hope your child is calm in this challenging time and enjoying being with you at home and making good use of their home learning packs. Please remind them we can access their work on Spelling Shed and TTRS and postcards will continue to be sent home for children making a good effort.

Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals, we have a plan in place to support your child. We have 45 children who are eligible. While the government is sorting out a longer term provision, we would like to offer the following option:

From tomorrow, if you would like a lunch provided for your child, please email lunch@marchwoodjun.co.uk or phone the school **by 10am** each day you would like a lunch.

We encourage you to make use of this provision to save food stocks at home.

You will then need to come into school between 11.30 and 12 each day. We will set up a table just inside reception where you can collect your lunch from Mr Hoskins to take away and eat at home. Please see below for the daily menu.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tuna sandwich	Ham sandwich	Cheese sandwich	Chicken mayo and sweetcorn sandwich	Vegetarian sausage and ketchup s/w
Also included will be a drink carton, cucumber sticks, raisins and a pudding				

Parents of children in school

Your children have been just super today. They worked hard using their home learning packs this morning. This afternoon they have chosen from a range of activities including art, gardening and den building. The children have had their own desk to work at and eat lunch at to help with social distancing and we have encouraged good hand and respiratory hygiene. One of our governors, Mr Gale, dropped off some chocolate treats for them to enjoy after lunch which the children were very happy with 😊

Can the children please continue to bring their waterbottles and home learning packs into school?

Non – uniform

We are advising staff to get changed out of the clothes they wear at school as soon as they get home and to put them straight into the washing machine and then shower. We advise children to do the same. Therefore to ease your washing load, we are relaxing our expectation for children to wear school uniform everyday. From tomorrow, they may wear non-school uniform to school. I hope this makes your life easier during this busy time.

The children can stay in their non –uniform for PE with Mr Smart so please don't worry about bringing in their PE kit anymore.

Flexibility

As I mentioned in my letter to you on Saturday, I am happy to be flexible to your changing needs. Just email mjsclosure@marchwoodjun.co.uk and we will respond.

Best wishes

Laurie Anderson
Head teacher

Dan Hoskins
Deputy Headteacher

Additional learning links that you may find useful:

- PE with Joe Wicks
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>
- English Live – Shakespeare
<https://www.facebook.com/events/591835768341563/>
- Mad Science Live with Atomic Aimee
<https://www.facebook.com/events/544958872809219/>
- Free Baking at home session with Itsy Bitsy Bakers
<https://www.facebook.com/events/210849873461903/>
- First aid
<https://www.facebook.com/events/s/children-first-aid-bandages-an/659471734865377/>
- Live History Lesson from secret WW2 bunker in Liverpool
<https://www.facebook.com/events/682955445790269/>
- Cricket challenges
<https://twitter.com/cricketforgirls>