



August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn Term 2020 Update

Firstly we would like to congratulate our Year 11 students on a superb set of results for them and our school. Our students have worked incredibly hard over their 5 years at Marshland and very much deserve the grades awarded. I would also like to recognise the hard work and dedication of the staff at Marshland for their support with these excellent set of results. We wish our students every success with their Post-16 journey.

With the new term fast approaching I feel it is important to provide reminders regarding arrangements for return to school. Fortunately Government guidance for reopening has not changed since we finished for the summer break, so we have not had to make amendments to proposed operations in September. However, please bear in mind that guidance could change at any time and we will let you know as soon as possible if this happens.

I would, however, like to draw your attention to one change received from Norfolk County Council regarding dedicated school bus transport. If your child travels on a dedicated school bus or in a taxi, it is now expected that they wear a face covering during the journey. As previously communicated any student travelling on public transport still need to wear a face covering. As a reminder, face coverings must be removed before entering the school gates, placed in a sealed plastic bag for safekeeping in school bags, until the end of the day when masks should be put on again before getting on transport.

You can find Norfolk County Council [school transport guidance](#) on our website.

Below you will find further reminders of key information to help us reopen safely in September. More detailed guidance can be found in our end of term letter sent out on July and also on our website.

- Attendance at school is compulsory unless students are too unwell to attend.
- No child to arrive at school earlier than 8:30am and must leave the site at 3:10pm (unless they are in detention)
- Children can only enter the site via the main gate if they are on a bus or the pedestrian gate if they are being dropped off, walking or cycling.
- Personal hand hygiene is vitally important and all students must sanitise on entry and exit of the site and at the start and end of lessons, as well as prior to and after eating.
- Please drop off students outside school so they can walk through the pedestrian gate as access to the car park will be for staff and buses only.
- No visitors are allowed on site, please arrange contact by either phoning or emailing school and a meeting can be held either over the phone or video call.

- Wherever possible provide a packed lunch for your child as the use of the canteen will be limited. Those entitled to Free School Meals will still receive these. There will be no facility to top up canteen accounts in school with cash so please ensure sufficient funds are in your ParentPay account.
- Students should not be in physical contact, or share food and drinks.
- There is to be no chewing gum in school whatsoever.

These new COVID rules are temporary and we hope to change back to normal operational rules as and when we are allowed to, and it is safe to do so. We will brief all students on their first day in school about expectations and health and safety requirements.

We understand how difficult the last five months have been for our students and their families. We welcome your help and support with these revised rules to protect everyone's safety and to enable all our students to return to school safely.

Uniform for Years 7, 8 and 9

As we have previously informed you supply of our new uniform has been challenging with restrictions in production. We are expecting delivery of skirts, trousers and ties at the end of August with jackets following just prior to the start of term. To help us manage the handover of uniform, we would be grateful if you could call into school at the following times. You will be able to collect your items from the school car park and will not need to enter school but please respect social distancing rules.

| | Collection of Free Issue Items - Skirts / Trousers and Tie | Collection of Free Issue Jacket |
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| Year 7 | Wednesday 2 nd September 10am - 12:00noon | Friday 4 th September 12noon - 3pm |
| Year 8 | Wednesday 2 nd September 12noon - 2pm | Monday 7 th September 10am - 12noon |
| Year 9 | Thursday 3 rd September 1pm - 3pm | Monday 7 th September 12:30pm - 2:30pm |
| Collection of all items will also be available on Saturday 5th September between 10am and 1pm for Years 7, 8 and 9. | | |

Please note: We will confirm arrangements for exchange of sizes nearer the time and also update you on items ordered directly from Price & Buckland's website. If you have children in different years please make the team aware on arrival at school and we will aim to give you all items in one visit.

Year 7 First Day – Monday 7th September 2020

Students must arrive at school between 8:30am and 8:45am where they will be greeted at the school gate, then make their way to the school playground to meet their form tutor. Please note that school will be temporarily finishing at 3:10pm. During their first day we will be completing their biometric cashless payment system registration.

Start dates for all years are:

Year 8 - Thursday 10th September

Year 9 - Thursday 10th September

Year 10 - Thursday 10th September

Year 11 - Tuesday 8th September

Finally, it is with regret that I will not be personally here to greet our new and returning students in September. I will be having a major operation at the end of August and it is likely that I will not be in school again until after October half term. My Deputy Headteacher Mr Duce will be in charge at the school, supported by our Leadership Team.

I wish all our students a successful return to school.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Jansen

Headteacher