

17th April 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

Marshland Update April 2023

We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break and that our students return refreshed for the Summer term. We write to update you on a number of important areas.

Term dates and Training days

As part of an Academy Trust, please remember our term dates and INSET training dates differ from any that you may find on the Norfolk County Council website. Our calendar is always available on our [website](#), including key dates through to 2025.

Potential Strike Action

As recently announced, further strike action will be taking place for NEU members on 27th April and 2nd May. As with previous strikes we will be working closely with all teaching colleagues at Marshland High School to ensure that as far as reasonably possible we minimise any impact of strike action on our students. We will update you nearer to the day to advise you whether our school will be partially or fully open.

Toilet Facilities

Prior to Easter, all students were advised that at the end of break and lunchtime, the toilets would be briefly closed for approximately 10 minutes, unless a student has a toilet pass or medical need pass, to allow for safety, hygiene checks, cleaning of the facilities and support student punctuality to lessons. Students were again reminded about this in tutor time at the start of today.

Time is needed for site staff to monitor the toilets to ensure they remain a safe, clean and respected environment.

Some students have been opting to use the toilet facilities after the bell rings at the end of break and lunch which leads to these students arriving late for lessons, causing undue disruption to the lesson and other students' learning.

Year groups have staggered times to queue for the canteen at breaks and lunch. There are 20 minutes during break and 45 minutes during lunch, allowing sufficient time for all students to access both toilet facilities and the canteen.

Please be assured that the toilet facilities are never routinely locked at any point during the day.



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Cycling to School

With weather improving through the summer term, please ensure your child wears a helmet if they want to cycle to school. Head injuries, even from small incidents or accidents, can be life-changing.

Detentions

Students issued with a detention are required to attend, and cannot be rearranged. Parents will be notified by text message. If a student is off on the day of their detention, they will need to complete it on their return to school.

Kind regards

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