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Dear Parents and Carers,

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

I hope this letter finds you safe and well from a good summer break. It has been lovely to have all the pupils in today, although only for one day. As I have said many times before, schools are designed for children, and it has been really special today to see them all.

I hope you find the information below helpful, this goes alongside two other documents; our FAQ for September and the MK Council Covid flowchart. These documents will be on the front page of our website, as not everybody will have access to our communication app yet.

Please take note of the expectations regarding Covid, and what to do in the case of symptoms- as a nation, we are all expected to take personal responsibility for our actions, and I welcome your support with this. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us, and we can happily support you.

I am delighted to welcome all our new starters to the school, across the year groups, and also our new members of staff; Miss Biddlestone, Miss Dell, Mr Mooney and Mr Onan-Read, they have had a great few days in the run up to today, and I know how excited they all were to meet all the pupils.

## Communication - Marvellous Me



This year we will continue to use of our app Marvellous Me for communication. For new parents alongside this letter you will receive a separate letter with a code to join the app. For any queries, or support needed in joining the app, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## Homework

Over the coming week, each Year group will send out a specific newsletter with key information about what each year group will be learning and doing across the next term. The main aim of homework will be to reinforce the learning that is taking place each week, rather than staggered projects over a course of a few weeks.

The usual expectations of TT Rockstars, Spellings and home reading will continue but we will then - through Marvellous Me - be setting 'conversation starters' about the learning that has taken place in the day.

A positive aspect of the last two years with lockdowns was families having a close bond in the way children learn and we want to build on this by giving families the flexibility to have these 'conversations' whilst still allowing families and pupils the time to complete other activities such as sports clubs, swimming, brownies etc... In the unfortunate event of lockdown happening again, families will also be fully up to speed with where each child is in the learning process.



Inspiring Futures  
Through Learning

Therefore 3 times a week, classes (through Marvellous Me) will be sent some conversation starters about their learning. For example; *Today we have been learning about food groups. Ask your child to explain the different food groups that they had in their breakfast, lunch and dinner. Can they explain what each food group's purpose is?*

The children will also bring home a 'planner' that allows you to write any notes and record the reading taken place at home. To support both you and your child with the conversations, at the back of the planner (in orange) there are key information pages showing what your child will be learning in their theme lessons and they will also give you a flavour of key vocabulary that they will need to know and understand.

Each week, in our school newsletter, you will see a 'in focus' section- this allows subjects or year groups to have a celebration of their area, and give more information of what is happening at school. Each week we will also share our intended learning for the week, to give parents an insight into the weekly learning journey- I hope you find both useful, but should you wish to have further information, do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

### **School Works**

Over the summer we have been busy with contractors working around the school- our roofs have been refurbished and fixed, and as I am sure you will have noticed we have had the playground resurfaced- this is step one of the works. Step 2 is already in plan, and Mr Dean will be speaking to all pupils in the school to ask their opinions as to what line markings etc. the pupils want on the playground- we aim to have all the markings completed in the coming months. Finally, I just wanted to say thank you to FoOMS for the significant contribution to the playground and all their support over the past year- we look forward to working with FoOMS on our next project.

### **Uniform and PE Ready**

It has been lovely to see all the smartly dressed pupils coming into school. Just a reminder that we expect the correct clothing, as per our uniform policy, which includes the same expectations for PE kit.

On the days pupils have PE, they are to come into school in their PE kit. The days are as follows;

3AB Mon Fri	4LG Tue Fri	5SF Mon Fri	6JH Mon Wed
3SC Tue Thurs	4RH Wed Fri	5NK Mon Fri	6ES Tue Thurs
3GD Tue Wed	4KM Tue Thurs	5SB Mon Wed	6KT Mon Wed
	4JD Wed Fri		6TOR Tue Thurs

### **Medications**

Just a reminder that if your child has medication needed at school, please can you send it in as soon as possible.

### **And finally,**

I am sure all the children will come home tired after one day- I know the staff are! I hope you have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kind regards

Glenn Young

OMS Latest Covid Information:  
<http://www.olneymiddle.milton-keynes.sch.uk/OMSNew/parents-info/covid-latest-information/>

