PARENT SUPPORT NEWSLETTER

Flying Towards Our Dreams — Marsh Green



MARSH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
AUTUMN TERM 2026

Working together for happy, healthy and safe children

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

Welcome to our Autumn Term newsletter! Here you will find practical advice, local support and important reminders.

Thank you for helping us care for our children and school community.

SAFE JOURNEYS TO SCHOOL

Practise the Green Cross Code together:
- Find a safe place to cross.
- Stop on the pavement before the kerb.
- Look all around and listen for traffic.
- Wait until it is safe, then walk straight across.
- Keep looking and listening as you cross.

Hold younger children's hands.



Please do not stand or gather in the road in South Close. This puts people at risk and can make children think standing in the road is safe. Stay on the pavement and leave space for others to pass.



Using a scooter? Be considerate of pedestrians. Slow down, give people space and get off and walk on busy footpaths, especially near the school gates.

SMALL STEPS TOWARDS TOILET INDEPENDENCE

Learning to use the toilet takes patience and practice.

- Make the potty or toilet familiar. A seat insert and footstool can help.
- Offer relaxed toilet visits after waking, after meals and before going out. Never force your child to sit.
- When starting daytime training, use pants and clothes that are easy to pull down. Keep spare clothes handy.
- Praise trying and stay calm about accidents.
- Practise handwashing together.



Night-time dryness can take longer. Children with additional needs may need a tailored approach. Speak to your child's teacher so we can work together. For constipation, pain or ongoing difficulties, ask your health visitor or GP for advice.

KEEPING OUR SCHOOL CLEAN AND HEALTHY

NO SMOKING OR VAPING

Smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere on the school site, including at drop-off and collection.

NO CHEWING GUM

Please do not bring or chew gum on site. We are noticing gum being spat onto the ground in children's play areas. This is unhygienic, unpleasant and difficult to remove. Put gum in a bin before entering the school grounds.

HELPING CHILDREN WITH THEIR BEHAVIOUR

Small, consistent steps can make a difference:

- Keep routines predictable and expectations clear.
- Give short, calm instructions about what you want your child to do.
- Notice positive behaviour and give specific praise.
- Agree a consistent approach with other adults caring for your child.
- Help children name their feelings while keeping boundaries clear: "It's okay to feel angry, but I won't let you hit."
- Consider tiredness, hunger or worry. Make time to listen and enjoy activities together.



Parenting can be challenging. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like support. You do not have to manage difficult moments alone.

FREE LOCAL SUPPORT WITH MONEY

The Community Money Education Offer is now available to Barking and Dagenham residents.



Led by We Are Group in partnership with local delivery partners, this free service helps residents build financial confidence, resilience and long-term stability through accessible, community-based learning and early support.

Learn about budgeting, financial rights and entitlements, and where to get specialist help. You do not need to wait until money worries become a crisis.

Find out more:
www.wearegroup.com/money-support

Book an appointment:
moneysupport@wearegroup.com

020 7170 8083

A CONCERN? PLEASE COME TO US

If there is a problem involving your child, please tell us so we can listen, look into it and help.

Please do not approach another child or parent yourself to challenge them or resolve an incident. This can be upsetting and may make things more difficult.

A member of senior leadership is available on the school gate every day, before and after school.

Alternatively, email:

parentenquiry@marshgreen.bardaglea.org.uk
and we will get back to you.





Thank you for helping us keep Marsh Green safe, welcoming and supportive.

Best wishes,
Marsh Green Primary School

