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## School Timings

In line with the Government's guidance to ensure children are in school for 32.5 hours, the new school times will be as follows:

Soft start is from 8am for all year groups.

### Registration:

Resource Base - same times as this year

Nursery 8.00-11.00am and 12.00-3.00pm

Reception 8.30am - 2.45pm

Year 1 and Year 2 - 8.20am -2.50pm

Year 3 and Year 4 - 8.20am- 2.55pm

Year 5 and Year 6 - 8.20am - 3pm

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## Marish Academy Trust Awards - Willow





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## E-Safety

### What Parents & Carers Need to Know about STEAM

Steam is a computer gaming digital distribution platform and storefront. It is the biggest platform for desktop or laptop-based gaming, with a range of more than 30,000 games available. The platform has become a lively social environment for many gamers, and allows people to trade, sell and buy gaming items for real money. Valve, the developers behind Steam, have also released different hardware that works with the platform, including the Steam Deck – a hand-held console that lets users play their favourite games while away from their computer.

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

##### UNSUITABLE GAMES

Among the 30,000+ games on the platform, there are many that aren't appropriate for children. Individuals can view and download games featuring adult content if they verify their age – but, of course, it's easy to enter a false date of birth online. This can lead to children and young people finding games that they shouldn't have access to: featuring violence or profanity, for example.

##### SPENDING SPREES

Steam hosts regular sales – including some where game prices are reduced by up to 90%. Some sales promotions also include a mini-game or event which encourages users to spend more money. The sales can be an excellent time for young gamers to purchase the titles they've been wanting, but the attractive discounts can also promote impulse buys driven by the fear of missing out.

##### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Steam isn't a social media site, but it certainly shares some of their elements. Users can add other people as 'friends', for example (whether they know them in real life or not), and then communicate privately with them using text or voice chat. The platform also hosts public discussions and groups for socialising. Steam users can also leave comments on the profiles of other players.

##### POTENTIAL SCAMS

Sadly, Steam's immense popularity has made it a lucrative destination for internet scammers. The most common ruse is phishing: scammers send links to other users, aiming to trick them into entering their login details – which are then stolen. Once in control of the account, the scammer sends messages to everyone on the victim's friend's list, in an attempt to hijack their accounts too.

##### SHADY TRADERS

The Steam Community Market is a built-in trading area where players can trade resources for their games on the platform. Gamers can exchange items, or buy and sell them using real-world currency. It's possible for unwary users to be scammed through bad trade deals, and Steam doesn't usually get involved when this happens. There are also third-party trading websites, which can be risky to use.

##### SPARSE AGE RATINGS

Steam is a digital distribution platform for games of all kinds, including ones not rated by regulatory bodies. Getting a game rated takes a long time, and can be expensive, so developers only tend to follow that process when releasing a title that will be physically sold in shops. Most games on Steam, therefore, don't have an advisory age rating on the store page.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

#### ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Steam does have some limited parental controls that can restrict exactly what games someone's account can view and access. This can be set up by navigating to the 'Family' tab in 'Settings', then selecting 'Manage Family View'. The platform then allows parents and carers to share a Steam account with their child and limit them to age-appropriate games.

#### USE GIFT CARDS

Having payment methods (like card details or PayPal) linked to a Steam account makes it very easy for a child to purchase new games or spend money on items in the marketplace. An excellent and safe alternative would be to buy a Steam gift card and let your child make their purchases with that instead – putting a manageable cap on how much they can spend on the platform.

#### APPLY STEAM GUARD

Steam Guard is an optional additional layer of security that protects accounts. Enabling it ensures that anyone attempting to log in to that account also needs to provide authorisation via their phone or email. The computer that your child uses Steam on can be authorised to prevent having to provide separate authentication for each login.

#### SHARE A LIBRARY

Using Family Library Sharing lets everyone at home share games across accounts (while still keeping their accounts separate). The entire game library from each account is shared with the other account holders – a great way to avoid having to purchase a different copy of the game for each of your children. However, if two users want to play the same game separately, you would need to buy it twice.

#### SAFE MODDING

Modifying a game to customise it or to introduce new content – known as 'modding' – is common on Steam. There's nothing inherently bad about modding, but installing the wrong mods can be disastrous: they can stop games from working properly, or at all. Steam's mods are unlikely to contain viruses or malware, but it's still possible – so ensure your child reads the mod's reviews first to avoid anything dangerous.



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Resource Base end of year awards!



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## Ukulele and Guitar Concerts!



Our Year 3's have been learning how to play ukuleles & guitars all year (taught by instrumental specialists from Slough Music Service) and last week we were proud and delighted to give them the opportunity to show off how far their skills have developed to their parents and families.



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## Reception at Willow's Bird World Trip





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### Summer Dance Camp and performance Workshop

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11th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am excited to inform you that over the summer holidays we have a Dance Camp and Performance workshop! This is a fantastic opportunity for all of the children to learn new skills ranging from drama to singing and dancing. The children will have the opportunity to work on a special performance which parents and carers will be able to watch. All workshops will run at Marish Primary School in Langley from 9:30am until 3:00pm. Each dance workshop will cost £5.00 for the day (£15.00 for all 3 days). Please ensure all payments are made via ParentPay.

Dance and Performance workshop sessions will run on:

Tuesday 26th July - Dance Workshop

Wednesday 27th July - Performance workshop Day 1

Thursday 28th July - Performance workshop Day 2 (Please note performance at the end of day 2 will start at 3:00pm)

Please ensure your child has the following items with them for the sessions:

- Water (reusable bottle)
- Appropriate clothing (Sportswear)
- Healthy snacks
- Packed lunch

Please return the slip below to the **PE OFFICE ASAP**. There are limited places available!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Robeson

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#### Dance and Performance workshops 2022

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to attend the Dance camp ☐

I give permission for my child to attend the Performance workshop Day 1 ☐

I give permission for my child to attend the Performance workshop Day 2 ☐

I give permission for my child to be photographed ☐

I give permission for my child to walk home ☐

I will collect my child from the front office ☐

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Medication updates

Please ensure your child's medication has been updated ready for the start of the new school year in September 2022.





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### Marish

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Reception: **90.19%**

Year 1: **92.44%**

Year 2: **92.52%**

Year 3: **94.50%**

Year 4: **93.64%**

Year 5: **93.97%**

Year 6: **83.32%**

Target: **96%**

### Willow

July 2022

Reception: **91.31%**

Year 1: **91.24%**

Year 2: **91.56%**

Year 3: **93.35%**

Year 4: **93.92%**

Year 5: **92.86%**

Year 6: **93.08%**

Target: **96%**



**EVERY DAY  
COUNTS**

**Student success  
starts with  
attendance**

**Below 90% Serious Concern**

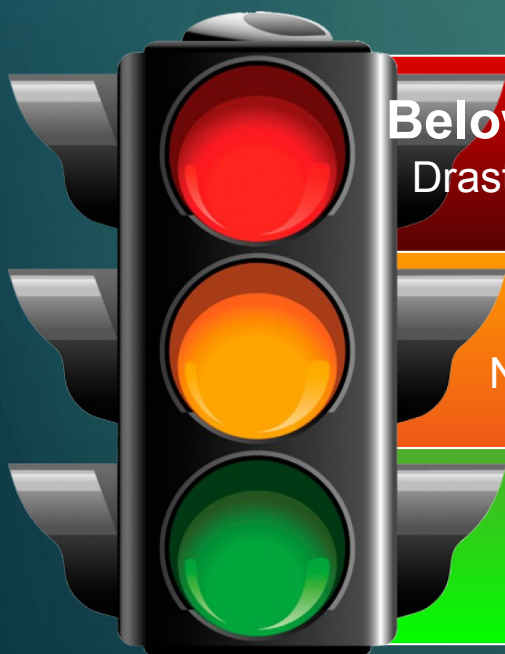
Drastic effect on academic success

**95- 90% Cause for Concern**

Negatively affecting academic success

**100%- 96% WELL DONE**

Achieving full potential





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## Parent Notices

### **PE Kit**

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on the days they have PE.

PE Kit consists of T shirt, shorts, joggers/tracksuit bottoms, jumper and trainers.

### **School Grounds**

Please do not bring bikes or scooters of any kind onto the school ground at any time. Dogs are not allowed on site.

### **Book Donations**

As part of our free book initiative we are asking parents to donate their unwanted, good quality books. These can be any childrens, teen and adult books. A box will be available in the Marish main reception, where books can be dropped off. Many thanks for your donations.

THANK YOU to parents who have already donated!

### **Timings of the school day**

#### **Nursery**

8:00 – 11:00am – morning session  
12:00 – 3:00pm – afternoon session

#### **Reception**

8:00-8:30am – soft start

#### **Year 1**

8:00 – 8:30am – soft start  
2:30pm – dismissal

#### **Year 2**

8:00 – 8:30am – soft start  
2:40pm – dismissal

#### **Year 3**

8:00 – 8:20am – soft start  
2:40pm – dismissal

#### **Year 4**

8:00 – 8:20am – soft start  
2:50pm – dismissal

#### **Year 5**

8:00 – 8:20am – soft start  
3:00pm – dismissal

#### **Year 6**

8:00 – 8:20am – soft start  
3:00pm – dismissal

### **Lost Property (Marish)**

Lost property will be laid out by the main hall towards the end of term. Please come and check if anyone has any lost items there. The bin will then be emptied and taken to charity. This will be repeated from now on every half term.

### **No Peanuts**

Please do not bring peanuts of any kind into school, we are a nut free school.

### **Water Bottles**

Children should bring in a water bottle every day, with their name clearly labelled on the bottle.