



Welcome to Marian Vian Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is our priority to provide a caring, stimulating environment in which your child may learn and grow. Not only do we aim to help each young person to develop their full potential academically but we also encourage them to become self-reliant, responsible for their own actions and sensitive to the needs of others.

We also encourage close links between home and school so that you, as parents, can become actively involved in your child's education.

We have provided some general information about the school but more information may be obtained from our website:
www.marianvianprimary-compass.org

You can also follow the school on X (formerly Twitter) **@mvprimaryschool** and on Instagram **mvprisch**.

Best wishes,

Ian Redgrave



MARIAN VIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mission Statement

Cherishing Children and Their Futures
Respectful. Resilient. Resourceful

Values

Inspiring us to achieve our best through

- Knowledge and growth
- challenge and adventure
- happiness and wellbeing
- kindness
- responsibility
- respect

In partnership with parents and the local community, Marian Vian Primary School aims to provide children with a high standard of education which will make them confident, responsible and able to fulfil positive roles in society.

The school endeavours to offer a well-ordered, secure, caring and stimulating environment in which all children will obtain the maximum benefit from high-quality learning experiences appropriate to their individual needs and abilities.

The school offers equal opportunities to children regardless of their gender or their race or their racial, cultural, social or religious background. Children are encouraged to appreciate and respect alternative traditions and values.

The school has over 600 children. Although Marian Vian is a large school we endeavour to foster a friendly, 'small school atmosphere' where the individual is just as important as the whole.



Times of the school day (from Sept 2023)

The school day starts at 8.50 a.m. prompt, children can arrive from 8.40am
10.35 a.m. to 10.50 a.m. Morning Break
12.15 – 1.15 p.m. Lunch break
3.20 p.m. finish for EYFS/KS1
3.25 p.m. finish for Key Stage 2

Mid Morning Break

At Marian Vian we do not provide 'school milk'. Children may bring in a named drink of water for their morning break.

Key Stage 1 children are given fruit (unless you expressly tell us you do not want them to have it).

Key Stage 2 children may bring in a piece of fruit to eat during their break.

Lunches

Children can choose either a packed lunch or a school meal. They are allowed to mix and match throughout the week with our existing caterers, Harrisons.

Health

Children should not bring any un-prescribed medication into school. If your child needs to take medicine four times a day and is well enough to attend school, please inform the office staff. You will need to fill in a form giving your permission for the medicine to be administered and the details of the medicine. This form can also be downloaded from our website

<https://www.marianvianprimary-compass.org/illness-and-medical-matters/>

We cannot accept any medicine that is not in its original container with the pharmacist's details and your child's name printed on it.

Absence from School

Should your child be too unwell to attend school please telephone the school office on 020 8658 6524 and choose option 1 for **first day of absence**, leaving a message on our answerphone or, alternatively, you can send in an email to marianvian@compassacademytrust.org. An email or letter of confirmation should be sent into school when your child returns stating his/her full name, class, dates of absence and the reason. Should you prefer, a form that you can complete is available on the school website.



If your child arrives late for school please sign them in on the screen in the foyer – this is essential for health and safety reasons. Likewise, if you need to collect your child early from school please make a request to the school office well in advance and he/she must be ‘signed out’ on the screen.

Holidays and absences during term time

Head Teachers have to adhere to strict guidelines set out by the DfE with regard to absences during term time. Should you need to request absence during the school year an email explaining the reasons should be written at least 15 days in advance. With regard to holidays, please note that reasons such as cost, convenience etc, are not classified by the DfE as sufficient reasons for withdrawing a child from school. **Holiday leave is only granted in exceptional circumstances.**

Security

Great attention is paid to security and the safety of children and staff while on the school site. The main doors are fitted with self-locking catches and the front entrance is equipped with an entry phone system. All visitors to the school, including parents must call at the office on arrival, sign in and wear a visitors’ badge. All staff wear photo ID badges.

Discipline

We are proud of our positive behaviour policy (which can be found here: www.marianvianprimary-compass.org/policies-marian-vian-primary-school/) based on the School Golden Rules which are:

- Be kind and do not hurt anybody
- Take care of all property
- Be honest, always tell the truth
- Listen carefully and follow instructions

At Marian Vian we have high expectations, not only of children’s academic achievements but also standards of discipline. From the moment children enter our school we encourage them to take responsibility for their own actions. Good behaviour and manners are emphasised and given recognition. When a child behaves in an inappropriate manner, sanctions are applied consistently and fairly.



Extra-curricular activities

There are many extra-curricular activities here at Marian Vian aimed at a variety of year groups. Many clubs are sports based and run by external coaches but we also run clubs such as chess, Art and ICT Club. The details of these clubs can be found on our school website.

Grounds

We are very fortunate to have extensive grounds at Marian Vian including a specially resourced play area for the Early Years Foundation Stage children, three playgrounds, a large field, wooded areas, a pond, vegetable patches and a polytunnel.



We continue to develop our grounds and encourage parents to get involved in our 'Grounds Days' where general gardening and development of the grounds is undertaken.

The Marian Vian Outdoor Learning School takes place in the woodland area. All year groups experience these carefully developed sessions which help children to cope with 'everyday risk', taking full advantage of the freedom of childhood and exploring the world around them. Topics covered by these sessions include: Fire, Water, Shelter, Camouflage, First Aid, Art, Pioneering, Food & Cooking and Tree Identification.

Ofsted

Our current grading by Ofsted is 'Good' under the new Ofsted inspection framework. For the full report please see www.ofsted.gov.uk

Results

We are rightly proud of the achievements of the children. By the time children leave at the end of Key Stage 2 the vast majority are at or above national average. Our 2022/23 SATs results can be found on our school website.



School Uniform

We believe that uniform, apart from being practical, helps the children develop a sense of identity with the school while at the same time creating an image of which we can all be proud. Our school uniform is simple, bright and comfortable.

- A red jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt
- White polo shirt or blouse
- Dark grey skirt, tunic or smart dark grey trousers or shorts– belts and buttons can be difficult for younger children to manage, especially when going to the toilet
- White or grey socks or grey, black or white tights
- Suitable black shoes – please avoid ‘boot’ style shoes and laces

During the summer, the following can be worn:

- a white or red polo shirt or short-sleeve white shirt
- a dress in small red and white checked material
- Sandals - these should be black, red, white, navy or brown. No sling-backs, peep-toe, platform soles or heels may be worn for health and safety reasons.

Children can also wear an optional red fleece, ideal for Spring and Autumn weather, which can be purchased through the PTA.

Hair and jewellery

- Long hair must be tied back at all times for health and safety reasons.
- Children may wear only small stud earrings to school but these must be removed on the day your child has P.E./swimming. **No other jewellery may be worn.**

Book bags and wellingtons

All Reception children must have a Marian Vian book bag and a pair of wellington boots.

P.E kit

- Black shorts
- Red T-Shirt
- Plimsolls (socks if tights are being worn).
- P.E kit should be kept in a bag and hung on your child’s peg.
The school sells red drawstring P.E bags with the MV logo.



You will be notified when your child has outdoor P.E and Bushcraft and what clothing is appropriate (usually plain joggers, plain sweatshirt and trainers). Please make sure you choose clothing that your child can manage to get on and off independently. With the best will in the world we cannot undress and dress 30 children for P.E. – we can really only help with the odd trouser button or tricky buckle.

Each item of clothing must be clearly marked with your child's name. Lost property can only be reunited with its owner if it is clearly labelled.

Free School Meals for your child and Pupil Premium funding for our school

Since September 2014 primary pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have received universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) automatically but, in order for our school to benefit from additional funding known as Pupil Premium funding, it is still necessary for parents of these pupils, who receive one or more of the qualifying benefits listed below, to complete a Free School Meal/Pupil Payment Premium application. Under the funding primary schools receive £1,345 extra per pupil.

Who is eligible?

Parents of pupils who receive child benefit for the child/children and one or more of the following:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (IRESA)
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7400 as assessed by earnings.



How to apply

Apply for benefits-related free school meals online via this link: https://www.bromley.gov.uk/site/xfp/scripts/xforms_form.php?formID=180

Alternatively, you can download and print a copy of the application form at https://www.bromley.gov.uk/downloads/download/25/free_school_meals_application

How to check eligibility

If you wish to check your eligibility before you apply for free school meals you can use this eligibility checker: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> (It is not essential to do so).

The information you will need to enter is:

- Parent's/Guardian's first name
- Parent's/Guardian's last name
- Parent's/Guardian's date of birth
- Parent's/Guardian's National Insurance (NI) Number (or National Asylum Seeker Service (NASS) Number).

Need help?

If you need any help with making a new application for free school meals please contact us on marianvian@compassacademytrust.org



Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

But there are [government guidelines](#) for schools and nurseries that say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone or email the school on the first day. Let them know that they won't be in and give them the reason. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Covid 19

Please refer to any latest government guidance on this.

Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#). Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#). Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

Ear infection

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a fever or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their fever goes away.

Fever

If your child has a fever, keep them off school until the [fever](#) goes away.



Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has **hand, foot and mouth disease** but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Impetigo

If your child has **impetigo**, they'll need antibiotic treatment from the GP. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share towels, cups and so on with other children at school.

Ringworm

If your child has **ringworm**, see your pharmacist or GP if it's on the scalp. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has **scarlet fever**, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from the GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have **slapped cheek syndrome** because once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. If you suspect your child has slapped cheek syndrome, take them to the GP and let their school know if they're diagnosed with it.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a **sore throat**. But if they also have a fever, they should stay at home until it goes away.

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have **threadworms**. Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with **diarrhoea or vomiting** should stay away from school for 48 hours after their symptoms have gone.