

Mawnan C of E VA Primary

Newsletter



Friday 5th March 2021



We did it!

Congratulations Team Mawnan! We have conquered another lockdown and another term (and a bit) of home learning. You have all done such a phenomenal job at supporting your children throughout this lockdown and we are exceptionally proud of the children.

We would like to offer our collective thanks once again for the support you have given to your children, the staff and the school. We could never have envisaged that this year would present us with so many uncertainties, changes and challenges but we are extremely grateful for your support.

We will continue to place the children at the heart of every decision we make and every action we take, and we will ensure that they have a happy and positive return to school. I have added some information below about how you can support your child as they return to school if they are feeling anxious.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday morning and we are so excited about reuniting our school community.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Pridmore

St Piran's Day

Today is St Piran's Day, our national day to celebrate our wonderful County!

I have always appreciated being Cornish and living in Cornwall but this year I have grown to value our wonderful surroundings even more.

If you are celebrating St Piran's Day at home and you are happy to share your photographs with the St Piran's Day parade organisers please send your photo to us and we'll pass them on.

Gool Peran Lowen!

World Book Day

Thursday 4th was officially World Book Day but in reality, every day is World Book Day at Mawnan School! We put quality books at the heart of the Mawnan curriculum to ensure that our children develop a love of reading from an early age, as reading is the key to successful learning.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting your child with reading at home.

We will be dressing up for world book day on Friday 12th March.

The world book day paper vouchers will be given out next week when all children are in school. <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

After School Sports Clubs for KS2

Our after school sports clubs for key stage 2 start next week. The offer is as follows:

- Pico Class is running Club with Miss Blight (Wednesday 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March)
- Fusion Class is football with Rob Philpott (Tuesday 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th March)
- Dart Class is sports Club with Mr Studd (Wednesday 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March)

A google form has been emailed to you with more details and the opportunity to sign up.

This will not be wrap-around care as the club may have to be cancelled at short notice e.g. due to bad weather, so please ensure that pupils are able to be picked up early if required.



Preparing Your Child For the First Day Back in School

As schools begin to open to more children, parents and children may well be feeling anxious. Here's some ideas of how best to prepare.

Be Calm.

Your child will take their lead from you and be reassured if you are steady and matter of fact.



Be Curious.

These are strange times and their imagination may run away with them. Listen, and try not to dismiss or minimise their fears but validate how they are feeling – “it’s completely fine to feel like that at the moment” or ‘I can really understand why you would feel like that”



Be Positive.

Remind them of all the ways they have learnt to keep themselves safe: washing their hands regularly, sneezing and coughing into their elbow, not hugging others and staying in their own space.



Be Thankful.

Help your child think of things they are looking forward to: being with their friends, seeing their teacher, favourite activities but be mindful some of these may not be available for them



Be Supportive

Younger children particularly may struggle with separation anxiety and may become tearful, clingy or act out. Reassure them that you will miss them too and think of them through out the day. It might be helpful to draw a little heart on their wrist and one on yours too. You can call it the hug button and when they find they are missing you they can press the heart and know that you will be doing the same at home. Sometimes having a little object to remind them of you through the day helps but please check this out with your school first.



Be Prepared.

Support your child to be aware of changes that may have happened to their classroom environment since they were there last and rehearse any new routines that school may have shared. Rehearse and practice your ‘goodbye’ routine and create a ‘hello’ greeting for the end of the day for them to look forward to.



Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Please see below the content of last week's newsletter about returning to school on Monday 8th March.

Mawnan C of E VA Primary School

Returning to School Guidance for Parents

8th March 2021



In line with the Department for Education's instruction, it is our plan that all pupils, in all year groups, will return to school full-time on Monday 8th March.

Our planning is underpinned by the Department for Education's Coronavirus (COVID-19) operational guidance for School February 2021

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/963541/Schools_coronavirus_operational_guidance.pdf

Many of the protocols and procedures will be familiar as it replicates what we've been doing since September and builds on the good practice that we've had in place for almost a year.

System of controls

We know that the predominant new variant of coronavirus (COVID-19) is more transmissible however, PHE advice remains that the way to control this virus is with the system of controls, even with the current new variants. By following the system of controls, we are effectively reducing risks and creating an inherently safer environment.

Within the government guidance, the systems of control that schools should adopt are clearly listed. This guidance will outline those systems of control and explain what actions we will be putting in place to keep your children and the adults that work in school safe.

Prevention

You must always:

- 1) Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school.
- 2) Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.
- 3) Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.
- 4) Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- 5) Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.
- 6) Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
- 7) Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
In specific circumstances:
- 8) Ensure individuals wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary.
- 9) Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing, where available.

Response to any infection

You must always:

- 10) Promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
- 11) Manage and report confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.
- 12) Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.

The following guidance outlines relevant detail from the government's guidance with further detail about how Mawnan C of E VA Primary School will adopt measures and ensure compliance to the statutory elements within. Our aim is to minimise the risks, whilst acknowledging that we can't negate them entirely.

Systems of control**Action****Prevention****1. Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school.**

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:

- they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test
- They must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:
 - the start of their symptoms
 - the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test

Anyone told to isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their public health protection team has a legal obligation to self-isolate.

If anyone in school develops a new and continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), we will:

- send them home to begin isolation - the isolation period includes the day the symptoms started and the next 10 full days

You must follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection and arrange to have a test as soon as possible to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

Other members of the household (including any siblings and members of their support or childcare bubble if they have one) should self-isolate. Their isolation period includes the day symptoms started for the first person in their household, or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms, whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test), and the next 10 full days. If a member of the household starts to display symptoms while self-isolating they will need to restart the 10 day isolation period and book a test.

If anyone tests positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they must restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they developed symptoms.

<p>2) Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.</p>	<p>In primary schools, it is recommended that face coverings should be worn by staff and adult visitors in situations where social distancing between adults is not possible.</p> <p>School staff will be wearing face coverings when moving around the school, in communal areas and when they need to support children in close proximity.</p> <p>Children in primary school do not need to wear a face covering.</p> <p>We would like parents and carers to wear face coverings on the playground until the end of term. When you are collecting your children, you need to remain outside and maintain a 2-meter distance.</p>
<p>Prevention</p> <p>3. Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual.</p>	<p>Adults and children will continue to wash their hands on the following occasions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entry to school - Before/after break times - Before lunch - When they change rooms - Before leaving school - Anytime that they visit the toilet or cough/sneeze in to their hands. <p>All classroom sinks have a soap dispenser and paper towels. Additional hand sanitiser dispensers are stationed in each classroom as well as additional hand sanitiser at appropriate points in school i.e. adventure playground, by the fences outside the infant classrooms. All sanitiser stations are in prominent places so they can be supervised.</p> <p>Hand hygiene protocols will be re-visited when the children return to school and the children will receive reminders about the expectations of COVID practices and protocols in school. They will be established as part of our routine, culture and behaviour expectations.</p>
<p>Prevention</p> <p>4. Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.</p>	<p>All classrooms are well stocked with tissues. The children will be reminded of the posters around school that encourage them to catch it, bin it and kill it.</p> <p>Tissues will be disposed of in the lidded bins using the foot-pedal to open the bin and their hands must be cleaned afterwards.</p> <p>If the children don't have access to a tissue they are encouraged to, cough or sneeze into their elbow, not your hands to reduce the spread of germs.</p>

Prevention

5. **Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.**

All frequently touched doors have been installed with Dorgards and the external toilet doors will be propped open. This will limit the surfaces that need to be touched as the children and adults move around the school.

Classrooms are cleaned at the end of the day to the COVID guidance standard by Interserve staff. A midday clean of frequently touched surfaces and the toilets also takes place.

Each class has a bucket of disposable sanitizing wipes for incidental cleaning during the day.

Prevention

6. **Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.**

The children will remain in their class bubbles. This will minimise contacts and mixing between people, reducing the transmission of coronavirus.

Within bubbles, children and adults must also take measures to distance themselves **where at all possible**.

Measures within the classroom

Adults in school will continue to encourage children to maintain a distance between one another whilst inside and reduce the amount of time that they are in face-to-face contact with one another.

There will be no whole-school events where children and adults are required to congregate. Daily Collective Worship will continue to take place in class bubbles.

Measures for arriving at and leaving school

We aim to get the children in as quickly but as safely as possible so we will still be operating staggered entrance and collection times. These will be ten minutes either side of our normal school timings. **Please resume the drop off and collection time that you already have unless you have been given different times by your child's class teacher.**

Staggering entrance/collection will ensure that the adults and children on site can distance appropriately and, where possible, it will reduce the risk of children coming in to contact with children from other bubbles.

Only **one** EYFS and KS1 parent will be permitted on the playground for drop off and pick up. KS2 children need to be dropped at the gate. If children cycle or scooter to school, then they are to use the storage area to lock their bike/scooter securely near the bins.

Miss Pridmore will be on the gate to support children and adults as they arrive at school. This way we will continue to reduce footfall of adults on site. The one-way system and social distance markers will remain in place. **Parents must not congregate at the gate; they must instead arrive on time and then depart quickly.**

	<p>We request that you do not arrive early or late. You must collect your children on time so that teachers can release children safely.</p> <p>The playground will be open to EYFS & KS1 parents to briefly wait on before their children are released to them. Whilst parents are waiting, social distancing must be adhered to and parents will be encouraged to stand on the social distance markers.</p> <p>Parents can contact teachers through Class Dojo during school hours (8.30am to 5pm) if they have queries about the day or phone the school to make a phone appointment.</p> <p>The school office is not to be accessed by parents unless through prior arrangement via a call or email to avoid a bottle neck. The office will not be open for parents to drop-in to. The DfE guidance states that coming into the site without an appointment is not allowed. However, parents can obviously still call and receive support over the phone or via email.</p> <p>Miss Pridmore will be on the playground at the beginning and end of the day to respond to questions and pass on messages.</p>
<p>Prevention</p> <p>7. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.</p>	<p>We know that good ventilation reduces the concentration of the virus in the air, which reduces the risk from airborne transmission.</p> <p>All areas of the school will continue to be well ventilated and we are delighted that the warmer weather is on its way!</p>
<p>Prevention</p> <p>8. Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).</p>	<p>Face coverings are not classified as PPE (personal protective equipment).</p> <p>Additional PPE for coronavirus (COVID-19) is only required in a very limited number of scenarios, for example, when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a pupil becomes ill with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, and only then if a 2 metre distance cannot be maintained
<p>Prevention</p> <p>9. Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing, where available.</p>	<p>Rapid testing remains a vital part of our plan to suppress this virus and school staff test twice a week from home.</p> <p>Primary aged children do not need to engage in asymptomatic testing.</p>
<p>Response to any infection</p> <p>10. Engage with NHS Test and Trace.</p>	<p>Staff members, parents and carers will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • book a test if they or their child has symptoms - the main symptoms are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o a high temperature or a new continuous cough o a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste • self-isolate immediately and not come to school if:

- o they develop symptoms or they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- o anyone in their household or support or childcare bubble develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- o they are required to do so having recently travelled from certain other countries
- o they have been advised to isolate by NHS test and trace or the PHE local health protection team, which is a legal obligation
- **provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with, if they test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace**

Contact with the symptomatic family will be maintained by Miss Pridmore so that we can respond appropriately to either a positive or a negative result.

If the test result is negative, the child can return to school assuming they would do so under normal circumstances.

If the test result is positive, the child and family need to follow the 'stay at home' guidelines.

We request that all families support the school with their aim to provide reliable and consistent communication about COVID-19 and not post anything on social media as this will cause confusion and anxiety in the community.

If school is made aware of a local outbreak, the PHE health protection team or the local authority may advise school to close. Preparations will be made by way of a contingency plan so that learning can still continue and the community can remain safe.

Response to any infection

11. Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (Covid-19) amongst the school community.

The school will contact the local health protection team.

The school will provide the details of those children/adults that have been in direct close contact with the child/adult (face-to-face contact for any length of time); proximity contacts (extended close contact – within 1m-2m for more than 15 minutes); travelling in a small vehicle with the infected person.

The school will inform parents of the infection, according to the public health England flowchart, but we will not reveal the name of the infected child/adult. This communication will be via email.

Those contacted or sent home must self-isolate for 14 days but those living in the household do not have to unless the child shows symptoms. At that point the household will need to go in to full isolation following stay at home guidance and have the test. If the symptomatic child's test is negative, they must continue to isolate for the remainder of the 14 days. If the result is positive, they must inform school immediately and isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of symptoms.

Response to any infection

12. Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.

If school has 2 or more confirmed cases within a 10 day period, this could be considered an outbreak and greater measures would need to be put in place. The health protection team would advise throughout.

This could result in a bubble lockdown, a school closure or/and a mobile testing station being established in school.

Testing will focus on the affected classes, then the remainder of school if required.



School Devices – ‘Chromebooks & iPads’

We hope that borrowing a school Chromebook or iPad was helpful.

On Monday 8th March 2021, please send your child/children to school with any borrowed school devices, headphones and chargers. Please ensure that all open tabs/websites have been closed down.

For KS2 devices (Chromebooks) please follow the steps carefully to clean the outside of the device and keyboard. Please **do not** clean the screen.

- 1) Turn off the device.
- 2) Remove any accessories or plug-ins such as headphones.
- 3) Carefully clean the outside of the device and keyboard with disinfectant wipes or sanitizing wipes.



SCHOOL DINNERS

We are really looking forward to seeing all of the children back in school next week.

Just a reminder, that if your child requires a school dinner that it must be booked on ParentPay by **8.30am** on the day that the meal is required.

School Uniform and PE days

We would like the children to come into school in their Mawnan school uniform but we are aware that the children may have grown out of their uniform, especially their school shoes. Please make your best efforts until the shops reopen.

You can purchase Mawnan logoed uniform at <https://www.castlesports.co.uk/mawnan-school> and other items of uniform is available at the supermarkets.

On your child's PE days, we'd still like them to come into school in PE uniform.

The PE uniform is their PE t-shirt, navy blue shorts, skorts, leggings or tracksuit trousers (non-branded) and their trainers.

Here is a reminder of the PE days:

Oppie – Friday

Topper – Tuesday and Thursday

Pico – Wednesday and Friday

Fusion – Wednesday and Friday

Dart – Monday and Wednesday

Girls	Boys
Grey knee-length pinafore or skirt Grey or black trousers Pale blue polo shirt Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (from Castle Sports) Grey or white socks Navy or grey tights Black School shoes (no high boots or open toed sandals) Navy blue and white gingham dress for summer wear	Grey trousers/shorts Pale blue polo shirt Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (from Castle Sports) Grey socks Black School shoes (no boots or open toed sandals)
PE Kit	
White P.E. shirt with school logo (from Castle Sports) Navy blue shorts (from Castle Sports) Navy blue Skort (from Castle Sports) Year R: Suitable footwear for P.E. to be advised by the class teacher Infants only: Plimsolls or training shoes Juniors only: Training shoes A drawstring bag marked with your child's name to contain PE and games clothes (from Castle Sports)	

Attendance

From 8 March, attendance is mandatory for all pupils, and the government will be enforcing the usual rules for attendance. If your child is following public health advice, e.g. they are shielding or have coronavirus, you will not be penalised for any non-attendance. Pupils not attending for these reasons will continue to receive remote education, where appropriate.

Therefore, all children must be in school every day that the school is open unless they are not well enough to attend. If your child is absent, please phone the school on the first day of absence by 9.30am and provide us with the reason for their absence. The school is obliged to keep a record of absences and these are recorded on your child's report. Unauthorised absence and persistent lateness must be reported to the Local Authority's Attendance and Welfare Officer for further support and action.



SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS

This week Mrs Bate has been carrying out a stocktake of our school library books.

If your child has not been in school since the 04/01/2021, please could their school library books be returned to the library on Monday, 08/03/2021?

Thank you.

