

Mawnan C of E VA Primary

Newsletter



26th February 2021

Dear Mawnan Families,

As you know, the Prime Minister has announced that all school-age pupils will return to full-time on-site provision from 8 March. In this week's newsletter, we would like to take this opportunity to outline some reminders and our safety arrangements for welcoming all children back to school.

We want to reassure you that the school will continue to implement Covid protective measures to keep your children safe upon their return. The safety measures will be familiar to you, as they replicate what we have had in place since September.

I hope that these arrangements provide you with the information you need to support your child to return to school. If you or your child have any worries about returning to school please ensure that you speak to your child's teacher, teaching assistant or Miss Pridmore next week. We will provide opportunity to discuss the safety at school and the procedures in place in an attempt to provide reassurance – this could be via a Zoom meeting or a visit to school.

Thank you for your continued support during this tough time. We appreciate your efforts, and we look forward to welcoming back all of our pupils.

Miss Pridmore



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 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

Staggered Start and Finish Times

We will be continuing with our staggered beginning and end to the day to reduce mixing on the playground and around the school.

We would like families to use the same timings that you were allocated in the autumn term as these worked well. If for any reason your allocated timing changed, please use the timings that you ended the term with.

This is an essential part of our prevention control so please ensure that you arrive at your allocated drop off and collection times, do not gather in groups and swiftly exit the school grounds.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club will continue to run from the hall and each class bubble will be allocated a table that will be set up with sufficient space between them. Food will be served to the children and they will be offered table top activities.

The cost for Breakfast Club remains at £3.00. Please book through the school office and make your payments through ParentPay.

School Meals

Please book your children's school meals for the remainder of the term on ParentPay. **It is essential that meals are booked by 8.30am, as currently Autograph are only cooking for the children booked on ParentPay by this deadline.**

The arrangements for lunchtime remain the same with two class bubbles in the all at any one time. The tables will be spaced at a safe distance and will be cleaned thoroughly between sittings. Dart Class will still be eating in their classroom.

Face Coverings

Children in primary school do not need to wear a face covering.

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.

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 still need to remain outside and maintain a 2-meter distance.

Polite Notice

Under Step 1 of the government's road map households should not be mixing indoors and groups should not be mixing outdoors until 29 March (the exception to this is if you have an informal childcare or support bubble).

The staff in school have been working incredibly hard to keep our children safe and well educated since the pandemic started. We know that we are working in a situation where social distancing is not possible, where it is not feasible to wear full PPE, that we will not be offered the vaccine as a profession and we have first-hand experience that the virus is transmissible from child to child and from child to adult. We are asking that all families continue to follow the government's guidance for their own safety but also for the safety of the other families and staff in school. It causes great anxiety in school when children tell us who they have met up with out of school. It is crucial that we all play our part.

STEP 1: 8 March

 <p>Schools and colleges are open for all students. Practical Higher Education Courses.</p>	 <p>Recreation or exercise outdoors with household or one other person. No household mixing indoors.</p>	 <p>Wraparound childcare.</p>
 <p>Stay at home.</p>		 <p>Funerals (30), wakes and weddings (6).</p>

Catch up, lost learning.....!

There is lots of talk in the media about lost learning, catching up, extending school days and even summer school!

We know that the children have missed being in school but we also know that they have engaged brilliantly with remote learning and have continued to make progress. There is no doubt that this has been a challenging year but we need to acknowledge that your incredible children have also developed an endless list of skills... resilience, computing, stamina, time keeping, independence, organisation, self-motivation, sustaining friendships, kindness and empathy... I could go on!

We will be avoiding the language of catch up, learning gaps and lost time in favour of moving forward, deepening knowledge and revisiting learning to strengthen.

The children at Mawnan School are emotionally healthy and eager to learn. We have an enthusiastic, caring and capable team of educators who will ensure that all children settle back in positively and continue to thrive.

*Don't tell me I'm behind.
Don't tell me I'll be held back for ever.
Don't tell me I need longer at school.
Don't tell me I'm lost.*

*Tell me I can do it.
Tell me you'll help me.
Tell me you believe in me.
Tell me we'll do it together.*

Term Dates

Cornwall Council

2020/21 school term dates for community and voluntary-controlled schools



September 2020					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thurs	3	10	17	24	
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	

October 2020					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	4	11	18	25	

November 2020						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

December 2020					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	

January 2021					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thurs		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31

February 2021					
Mon	1	8	15	22	
Tue	2	9	16	23	
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thurs	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

March 2021					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thurs	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

April 2021					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	
Sun	4	11	18	25	

May 2021						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

June 2021					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thurs	3	10	17	24	
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	

July 2021					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	4	11	18	25	

August 2021						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2020
Boxing Day	26 December 2020
Bank Holiday (in lieu of 26 Dec)	28 December 2020
New Years Day	01 January 2021
Good Friday	02 April 2021
Easter Monday	05 April 2021
May Bank Holiday	03 May 2021
Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2021
Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2021

AUTUMN TERM (72 days)

3 September - 18 December 2020
(HALF TERM 26-30 October 2020)

SPRING TERM (59 days)

4 January - 1st April 2021
(HALF TERM 15-19 February 2021)

SUMMER TERM (64 days)

19 April - 23 July 2021
(HALF TERM 31 May - 4 June 2021)

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The 5 additional days are allotted for In-Service Training.

Our remaining three INSET days are on Monday 7th June, Tuesday 8th June and Wednesday 9th June 2021.

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 wip



