

Mawnan C of E VA Primary

# Newsletter



22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

Congratulations, you have successfully achieved another week of supporting your children with their remote learning!

Thank you and well done, you are all doing such a wonderful job and we continue to be impressed and pleased with the level of engagement and the quality of home learning.

We are now at the end of our third week of remote learning expectations and I hope that you and your children are getting into a daily routine of school learning and some much need fresh air, exercise and downtime.

Thank you for your kind feedback regarding the remote learning provision. Your positive messages of support and thanks have been greatly appreciated by our hardworking staff team.

We have three weeks left of this half term and there is no certainty about when school will reopen to all children. With this in mind, it is important that you have found a daily routine that works for you as a family.

If you need more support, please reach out. We are all in this together and now, more than ever, we are here to help and look after our treasured school community.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

*Miss Pridmore*

## Attendance

Average for the week	In school	At home
<b>Oppie Class</b>	100%	96.1%
<b>Topper Class</b>	100%	94.5%
<b>Pico Class</b>	100%	98.1%
<b>Fusion Class</b>	100%	98.6%
<b>Dart Class</b>	100%	98.2%

## **Attendance and Safeguarding**

During national lockdowns, when the majority of our school community are learning at home please remember that we are still here to support the wellbeing and safety of the children.

To enable us to monitor engagement the teachers keep a register during their live lessons. If your child is unable to attend the live lessons for any reason, please contact your child's teacher in advance.

If children are not at the morning live lessons we will message or make telephone calls to parents to check in and check that the children understand the learning for the day.

We will do this because in these current times, it is our statutory duty to provide your child with their full education entitlement and for safeguarding reasons, it is important that we have regular contact with all children.

Please try and look at this with a positive and a respectful attitude as it is our way of supporting you at this time.

## **Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) for Adults in School**

From Monday 25th January, staff in primary schools will be given the option of carrying out twice-weekly lateral flow tests at home prior to coming into school. The LFT is designed to pick up asymptomatic cases as one in three people who test positive for Covid have no symptoms. The LFT does not replace any of the risk assessment measures we have in place for reducing the transmission of Covid.

If the LFT gives a positive result, the member of staff and the class bubble will have to isolate and the member of staff will have to get a PCR Covid test. The bubble will continue isolating if the positive outcome is confirmed by the PCR test. The bubble will reopen if it is negative.

The testing should be done in the morning prior to coming in to school. This may result in us having to close class bubbles at very short notice so please make sure that you have your ClassDojo notifications on and/or check your emails regularly.

Currently, there are no plans for asymptomatic testing for primary aged children.

## Technology for schools

*“We have worked collectively to make sure students have access to laptops to allow them to access the quality online education you are providing. Over three quarters of a million laptops and tablets have already been delivered to schools and local authorities”. Gavin Williamson 20.01.21*

The government calculate the number of devices that each school will receive based on the number of children who attend the school. Mawnan School hasn't received any devices yet but...we hope that our allocated **one** device will be with us very soon!

The iPads and Chromebooks that the school have lent out to support remote learning were funded from the school's budget and were **not** supplied by the government's Covid technology scheme.

## Children's Mental Health Week 2021 - Express Yourself

From 1-7 February 2021 schools, youth groups, organisations and individuals across the UK will take part in Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is **Express Yourself**.

**Expressing yourself** is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make you feel good.

It's important to remember that being able to **express yourself** is not about being the best at something or putting on a performance for others. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself.

For more information, please go

to: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

