



# ST MAWES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## St Mawes September Opening Plans

Dear Parents

We are so excited that the whole school community will be returning in September. We will have the new reception pupils beginning in Class one so a big welcome to our new families!

We will be operating the two classes but view the whole school as one pod to allow some flexibility with interaction and staffing. Hopefully the following information will answer your questions about how we will be working in September. As always. Some of this may need to change with further guidance from the DfE.

### Social distancing

Social distancing will remain in place but not expected of our youngest pupils. Children will be grouped in year groups and based in the usual classrooms.

### The DfE guidance states:

Minimising contacts and mixing between people reduces transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). This is important in all contexts, and schools must consider how to implement this. Schools must do everything possible to minimise contacts and mixing while delivering a broad and balanced curriculum.

### Implementation at St.Mawes Primary School

- A major risk assessment has been produced and shared with staff, supported by Aspire.
- Our children will be grouped in two classes but the school will be **considered as a whole pod**. The classes will usually work separately and play separately where possible but interaction between classes is permitted to support siblings.
- Mrs Crinks, supported by Mrs Jaye and Mrs Michell, will primarily support class one pupils. Mrs Jaye will not be working with EYFS. Miss Connell and Mrs Davison will primarily support class two.
- Social distancing markings will be sprayed on path at the rear of school and the drop off point will be in the main upper playground. Class one pupils will enter through the tented space by their classroom and Class two via the normal side entrance. Parents will then follow the marking for the one way system to leave promptly.





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- Parents are not allowed to gather before or after school and they must enter and exit school site promptly. When waiting, parents must keep a two metre distance and only one parent from a family may drop off or collect at a time. Parents should avoid face to face contact with each other and staff.
- The pupils will be seated side by side and facing forwards, rather than face to face. The Hall divider will remain open to allow extra space in Class two. The EYFS group will not be expected to follow the classroom rules and may sit and play together. They will not be expected to maintain social distancing but will learn about it and be encouraged to respect the other children's space.
- Breaktime can occur simultaneously but in separate classrooms if wet. Activities will need to be arranged to aid social distancing and normal free game play will not be possible except for the youngest pupils. Class one will primarily use the top playground. Class two the bottom playground.
- In EYFS and Year 1, carpet spots will be used to direct pupils where to sit.
- School will be open at 8.45 for arrivals between 8.45 and 8.55. School will finish at 3.15. Please arrive promptly.

## Equipment

- Personal equipment for each child i.e. pencil, rubber, ruler, will be stored in a named plastic wallet and kept on the pupil's desk. This will be provided by the school. No personal pencil cases must be brought into school.
- Classroom based resources, such as books and games, can be used and shared within the class; these will be cleaned regularly, along with all frequently touched surfaces. Resources that are shared such as sports, art and science equipment will also be cleaned frequently.
- It is still recommended that pupils limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day. Only essentials such as lunch boxes, hats, coats, books and book bags please.
- Soft toys cannot be brought into school.
- A personal labelled water bottle will be needed every day.





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- Reading books can move between home and school but will need to be put in a quarantine box on return to school for 48 hours. The pupils will be asked to follow this rule in class.

## School uniform

A return to normal school uniform will take place in the autumn term and pupils need to have good footwear. I would recommend trousers for the girls as part of their uniform so they can participate comfortably in PE and outdoor education. Class one will be able to change into PE kit at their desks but Class two will remain in their day clothes until further notice.

## Lunchtime

- Lunchtime will be staggered to reduce congestion and seating will again be facing forwards. Class one will go to lunch at 12.00 and Class two at 12.30.
- Our normal menus will return and meals can be purchased on Parent Pay at £2.20.

## Accessing the secretary

- The office space will remain out of bounds to the pupils and parents except in an emergency. If parents need to contact the school they will be required to email or telephone.
- Communications by telephone must be within school hours 8.45-3.30. The best form of communication will be by email.
- Any payments must be made using Parent Pay as the school is a cashless school.

## Curriculum

After a period of adjustment we will settle into our normal curriculum as far as possible. Our aim is to provide a broad and vibrant curriculum with plenty of outdoor experiences. Our normal programme of topics and lessons will resume with some activities altered for social distancing. The pupils will be taught a full range of subjects over the year.

Whole school gatherings such as assemblies or collective worship will not be possible. Singing together is not permitted and woodwind and brass instruments cannot be used.





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## **See-saw**

We will continue to use See-saw in the Autumn term and homework will be set and returned on this platform. Please ensure you can access this technology.

## **Extra-curricular provision**

In the Autumn term there will be no clubs offered. We will be offering individuals catch up time to support the learning. This may well be after school between 3.15 and 4.00.

## **Music lessons**

For the initial return to school, due to increased risk of transference, Instrumental music teaching will be suspended. We are awaiting further DfE guidance on this. Keyboards will be permitted as long as they are cleaned between usage and covid practise used. Brass instrumental music is not permitted or singing lessons.

## **Educational visits**

No overnight educational visits are permitted this term. Day trips may become more possible in the future.

## **Attendance expectations**

It is vital for all pupils to return to school in September to minimise the longer term impact of the pandemic on their education, well-being and wider personal development. School attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the Autumn term.

Please ensure all holidays are booked in school closure time.

Inset days are September 3 and 4 October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and Feb 12<sup>th</sup>.

Any child that is unwell must be kept at home ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school. School must be informed of any sickness and home quarantine immediately.

All families and staff will engage with the NHS Test and Trace process. Some tests will be made available to school which can be administered at home by parents. Results must be reported immediately to school.





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## **Pupil well-being and support**

When we return in September staff will be sensitive to the children's needs. We will offer opportunities to share experiences, look forward to the time ahead together and discuss mental health and well-being strategies in an age appropriate way. If you could send a "What I would like the teacher to know" email at the beginning of September this will enable us to know what the experience of lock down has been like for your family and you can share anything you wish with staff. This will be kept confidential.

## **Behaviour expectations**

Our revised Behaviour and Positive Relationships Policy is on our website. The golden rules and new expectations with covid will be shared at the start of term and pupils must be aware from the beginning of new practises. We would be grateful if this could be discussed at home as well.

## **Assessment**

The DfE have announced that statutory primary assessments will still take place in summer 2021. This will be so they can measure the impact the pandemic has had. These includes:

- the phonics screening check for year one in May
- key stage 1 tests and teacher assessment for year two in May
- the year 4 multiplication tables check in June
- key stage 2 tests and teacher assessment for year six in May

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. I realise it is extensive but I wanted to answer as many concerns as possible. There will be further guidance in September outlining hygiene procedures and the test and trace system.

We all hope you have a wonderful summer and we are really looking forward to being together in the Autumn term. It will be different but pupil well-being is at the core of everything we do and we will work closely with you to support the transition back into school.

The Staff of St Mawes Primary School

