



ST MAWES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carers,

We hope you have had a good summer. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school and are excited about providing for the full community of children once again. We have been working over the summer to prepare the school and keep up to date with the advice. The Government would like us to sign post the following information for parents

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

The classrooms will be seated with pupils facing front except for the younger pupils. The children will be sitting in pairs at the desks and have their own equipment. This will be cleaned regularly. The children do not need to bring any pencils etc from home. They will need coats, water bottles, snacks and packed lunch if not having school dinner. They will not need a face mask.

They first week of school we will ease the pupils into the new ways of being in school and staff have prepared fun welcoming activities to help everyone settle into school. We will share the catch it, bin it information and discuss the COVID experience in an age appropriate manner with the groups. We will let the children know when to expect PE sessions but the aim will be to have regularly outdoor sessions and as much fresh air as possible.

The children will need to be in school uniform but at present we are not able to accommodate Key stage two pupils getting changed for PE lessons. Therefore at Key Stage 2 please ensure footwear is suitable for activities. Finding girls shoes for this can be more difficult and if you need you child to bring trainers in their bag this will be fine. It is difficult to socially distance two groups at key stage when getting changed and the older pupils are uncomfortable without gender privacy so they will remain in their school clothes in class two. If girls wish to bring some tracksuit bottoms to wear under the skirt that would also be fine.

School uniform (sweatshirts, cardigans and PE t-shirts) must be ordered direct from SchoolTrends <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StMawesCommunityPrimarySchoolTR25BP>

Drop off and pick up times 8.55

Only one adult may drop a child to school and you will need to follow socially distancing measures in the playground. Please make the drop off as brief as possible and do not





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linger to chat with others. You are not required to wear a mask but if you wish to do so that would be acceptable.

Staff dealing with the youngest pupils will have visors available to wear if they feel it is needed. This is to help our youngest pupils who may need coaxing into a new situation. In the Nursery and early years the children will be allowed to play with these and get use to the presence of the visors.

Track and trace

In sending your child to school you are agreeing to participate in the track and trace system. This means if your child exhibits any symptoms you will be informed immediately and asked to collect you child. It is essential your contact information is up to date.

The child will need to be tested and the outcome of the test must be reported as soon as possible to school. The school will inform Aspire Academy and the national authority of any positive cases. The authorities will then advise on action needed.

If a member of your family exhibits symptoms you must arrange a test using:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/>

Please inform the school immediately if a member of the household tests positive.

The lessons

We will be revising and revisiting many of the basics of the academic curriculum to re-invigorate and refresh learning. We realise for many pupils this has been a long time away from the classroom and we are keen to ease them back into school life in a happy and productive way. We will be using our excellent school curriculum to give breadth and balance.

Reading books

We will be able to send reading books home and change them on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The children will be informed where to return books as they will need to be quarantined before another pupil can access them. Please still read daily with your children and fill in the reading diary.

Homework

Homework (such as spellings) will begin in week two of term and this year will be allocated on See Saw. Using this platform will be very important this year and we will be spending time in school helping all the children become comfortable at accessing and using it well. Please ensure you know the log in at home and let us know if you have difficulties accessing this platform. Tapestry will be very important for the Early years communications and learning.





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To contact us please email or call during school hours only (8.45-3.30) and the secretary will deal with your request. Parents are not allowed to enter the school building at present.

School Bus

The school bus will be running to only accommodate the children who have registered a place with the service. Please contact Cornwall Council if you need a place for the Autumn term.

Assemblies and meetings

At present we are unable to offer public assemblies and meetings with staff. Once again we are really looking forward to teaching all our children again. We are excited to meet the new families and are sure it will be a happy and positive return to school. Please don't hesitate to talk to us if you have concerns.

Best wishes
Angela and Karen

