



MAUNDENE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that our communication over this week has provided you with additional detail regarding our plans to reopen. Once again, we would like to thank all of the parents who have contacted us to convey their support.

So far this week, our letters have covered the protective steps that we are taking but alongside this, you also play a vital role in helping to keep all of our children safe. Please take the time to read the information below and we thank you in advance for your co-operation with these new guidelines.

Attendance

If your child is unwell, please follow the same procedure by calling the school office and reporting this otherwise the office will continue to make contact with you if we were expecting your child to be in.

Uniform

All children are expected to wear school uniform. We understand that some children may have outgrown their uniform and it would have been impossible to purchase anything new, therefore there will be some leeway with this. No other belongings will be permitted in school other than a packed lunch box if applicable, a water bottle and a coat if the weather is bad.

Water bottles

We strongly encourage children to bring water bottles in on their first day, which will be sanitised on entry and remain in school for them to use throughout the day to stay hydrated. These water bottles will **not** be returning home at the end of each day, but will be washed out regularly and refilled as and when required

Forest School and PE Days

On Forest School and PE days (detailed in your letter yesterday), children are permitted to come into school wearing appropriate clothing suited for those activities. Trainers are a must. They do not need to bring their uniform with them to get changed into afterwards.

For Forest School, children must wear long sleeved tops and legs must be covered also.

School Dinners and Packed Lunches

As usual, your child will have the option to bring in a packed lunch or opt for a school dinner. School dinners will be charged via ParentPay as normal. They will be eating their lunch/school dinner in their bubbles at staggered times. A revised school dinner menu is available on our website under 'Coronavirus Phase Return to School'. This is subject to change so we cannot always guarantee the meal choice for the days specified.

What to do if their child, or someone in their household, displays symptoms:

If your child or someone in your household displays symptoms, then you must continue to follow the governments guidance. The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you should self-isolate at home. Further guidance can be found [here](#).

Drop off/pick up protocols – parent expectations:

Drop off and pick up will be staggered to ensure that everyone is able to practice social distancing by staying 2 metres apart at all times. The staggered start and finish time was communicated in a yesterday's letter. Please adhere to the times and do not arrive any earlier or later; we have staggered start and finishing times to reduce big groups congregating. If you are waiting outside the school gates, please make sure you are not congregating and are standing at a distance.

We are asking parents to queue up coming into school by the bus stop on Swallow Rise as we will be using the school car park as a pedestrian exit during drop off and pick up times. There is a one-way system in operation for entering and exiting the school grounds. There are signs and markings on the floor indicating this and showing the 2 metre distance rule. Please follow these markings on the ground, using the signage as well, through the Year R gates, around to the key stage 1 playground and then onto the key stage 2 playground. Your exit will be through the large vehicle KS2 gates in to the staff car park and up to the vehicle gate at the top of the drive. The car park exit will be barriered off during these times.

There will also be restrictions on the number of adults allowed on the school site during these times. We will only permit 1 adult to accompany Key Worker children in Years R,1,2,3,4 and 5 and children in Years R and 1 during drop off and pick up. We will not be permitting adults to accompany children in Year 6 through the school gates. We are asking that Year 6 children come into the school on their own to reduce the amount of people coming onto the school premises.

Parents and Carers

We will not be permitting any adults in school, including the office, as we cannot social distance due to the size of the space. Any queries please ring the school office.

Use helpful resources at home:

There are some useful resources available which you may wish to share with your child/ren prior to returning to school which will support their understanding of keeping safe and practicing good hygiene.

[KS1: Horrid Hands](#)

[KS1: Super Sneezes](#)

[KS2: Hand Hygiene](#)

[KS2: Respiratory Hygiene](#)

As you may be aware, the final decision on whether it is safe to open schools will be made by the government on Thursday 28th May. Following this announcement, we will write to parents again to update you on our position.

Best wishes,



Ms Indresano
Headteacher