



Re-opening Plan for September 2020

We aim for all pupils to be
'successful, confident, responsible citizens'



During the summer break, we have been busy planning for Plympton St Maurice Primary School to safely reopen in the autumn Term to welcome back **ALL** of our pupils. I know you will have many questions about the measures we have in place. I wanted to put all the key information into one booklet for you and your family, so hopefully you will find this guide informative.

Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to ensure that the health and safety of pupils remains our top priority. Our planning will mean that your child/children can access school without concern. We will continue to monitor and update our plans, in line with the government guidance. Plympton St Maurice Primary School has proactively and successfully managed the impact of the pandemic to date and wish for this to continue in the future.

Attendance

ALL children are expected to return to school in September. We look forward to welcoming **Yr 1-6 pupils on Thursday 3rd September** and our new Foundation class on Monday 7th September (mornings only), in order to minimise as far as possible, any long term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development. **School starts, as normal at 8:50am** with doors opening at 8:45am, so that children are not rushed coming into school. Before the start of school day, please do not arrive on the playground too early.

School attendance will be closely monitored and from September, the usual rules apply. If your child is unwell, we recommend that parents contact the GP in the usual way. Medical advice is available 24/7, please telephone 111. If your child is going to be absent from school, we ask that you contact the school:

Telephone: 01752 337427

Email: st.maurice.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk

Bubble groups

Each class will be treated as a separate 'bubble' to reduce grouping children together and to avoid contact between other groups. We aim to keep bubbles separate at lunch and playtimes. We will continue with staggered break and lunchtimes. All children will eat their lunch in the classroom.

'Catch it, bin it, kill it' approach

At all times, we will continue to promote good respiratory hygiene. Children are encouraged to always carry tissues and to sneeze or cough into a tissue, dispose of the tissue in the lidded bin and then wash their hands as soon as possible. All classrooms have lidded bins.

Classrooms

From September, tables are in rows facing the front of the classroom for pupils to sit side by side and be forward facing. This will maximise the distance between teachers and pupils. Children will have their own 'tool kits' to avoid sharing of pencils and other resources as much as possible. Resources such as books and games can be used and shared within the bubble but will be cleaned regularly. Any resources, such as science equipment can be used across bubbles but will be left untouched and out of reach for a period of 48 hrs.

Please limit from home any items brought into school. Only bring to school necessary items, such as their PE kit.

Each classroom door has been fitted with (fire safe) door guards which allow doors to remain open to eliminate people touching door handles and to keep classrooms well ventilated.

Cleaning

Rigorous cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms, furniture and toilets will take place at the start, end and throughout the day. Cleaning includes common touchpoints, such as door handles, light switches, taps and soap dispensers.

Covid-19 Signs and Symptoms

We ask that if someone in the household has Covid-19, that the child does not come to school. Anyone who displays symptoms whilst in school, will be isolated immediately and parents contacted. Anyone who displays symptoms can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website or ordered by telephone via the NHS 119. We ask parents to inform the school immediately of the test results. If someone tests negative they can stop self-isolating. If someone tests positive they should follow the 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection' and must continue to self-isolate.

Covid-19 Testing

Testing facilities are available at our nearest NHS testing centre which is at Derriford. NHS testing is now available to anyone in the UK that is showing COVID-19 symptoms, including under 12s. If a child displays symptoms they will be required to take a test. Schools are expecting to receive a limited number of testing kits, should a family require one.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

During the autumn term there will be no extra-curricular activities as we do not want to mix bubbles. However, Plymouth Argyle Football Club will be running their clubs, as normal but for only one year group at a time.

Face Masks

It is not expected that staff or pupils will wear face masks in the classroom unless they wish. However, Westcountry Schools Trust staff will be expected to wear face masks in communal and enclosed areas such as corridors, staffrooms, and staff toilets. All visitors to the school will also be expected to wear face masks.

Hand Sanitiser

Automated hand sanitiser dispensers are available along the school corridor and staff are required to make use of them regularly. Hand sanitiser is also available in every classroom. All visitors to the site will be required to use anti-bacterial hand sanitiser.

Hand Washing

Thorough handwashing routines will be implemented throughout the school day. Pupils will be asked to wash their hands when they arrive in school, before and after play time, before and after lunch time and at the end of the day before returning home. There are sinks in every classroom. We have also installed 3 outside sink units to provide additional outside taps.

Home Learning

Over the last few months, school has shown that it can deliver home learning to a very high standard while the school has been closed. We are now looking to develop this further with plans to use Microsoft Teams to communicate with parents and pupils in the future. From September we will be continuing a blended approach to learning, using Microsoft teams wherever possible. For any child or group self-isolating, home learning will continue using Microsoft teams.

Learning

Initially our Foundation and Key Stage 1 children will learn Read Write Inc in their own class bubbles and will not mix with other bubbles. DfE guidance states that ideally adults should maintain a 2m distance from each other, and from children. We know that it is not always possible, particularly when working with younger children, but if adults can do this when circumstances allow, it will help.

During the first few weeks back, teachers will prioritise identifying gaps and re-establish good progress in the essential areas of phonics, reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and mathematics. Our curriculum will remain broad, so that the majority of pupils are taught a full range of subjects over the year, including science, art, geography and history. Some pupils will receive additional support from teachers, teaching assistants or possibly a tutor. It is likely that children will receive additional learning to be completed at home to try to 'catch-up' on some of the learning time missed during the period of school closure.

Learning Reviews (Parents Evenings)

During the autumn term we are unable to hold learning review meetings face to face. However, parents will have an opportunity to discuss with the class teacher any successes and concerns via

telephone, email or Microsoft Teams. As we were unable to have end of year assessments, this meeting will have a pastoral focus rather than attainment and progress.

Lunch

From September a hot meal option will be available to order from the school kitchen. All meals (hot and cold) will be eaten in classrooms. Please pay for meals in the usual way.

Playground Equipment

We ask parents, with children playing on our equipment before and after school that they continue to social distance and stay 2m apart. We ask that numbers of children playing on equipment are restricted. When children have finished playing on the equipment, please can ALL parents ensure children's hands are wiped with sanitiser gel or sanitising wet wipes which are then disposed of in the bin immediately after use. We ask that children do not eat or drink whilst accessing the play equipment.

Routine

During school closure, children will not have had the same routine as being in school. We ask parents to establish a back to school routine as soon as possible as this will help your child's focus and engagement in class.

School Uniform

From September, we expect all pupils to wear normal school uniform. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal. Please let us know if your child needs a new sweatshirt as school has a small amount of good condition school uniform should any child need it.

Social Distancing and Gatherings

In order to avoid social gathering on the playground, **we politely ask parents to socially distance from each other and avoid waiting in groups, particularly when collecting at the end of the day.** We have introduced a one-way system to encourage a steady flow of people entering and exiting the school's playgrounds and request **ONE parent only** to drop off/collect children. We ask that from September, Foundation, Year 2 and Year 4 pupils use the back playground to drop off/collect each day and parents to exit (as swiftly as possible) via the staff car park. School starts as normal, at 8:50am and finishes as normal, at 3:10pm for Foundation and 3:15pm for Yr 1-6.

DfE guidance recommends for groups/bubbles to be kept apart, meaning that schools should avoid large gatherings such as whole school assemblies. Plans for our Harvest assembly and Nativity Play are under review.

As a reminder to children and adults to socially distance we have marked our corridor and school paths in 2m intervals.

Sports

We are fortunate to have spacious grounds to ensure children can exercise whilst being socially distant. To keep the entire school community safe, we will do everything we can to reduce contact between people and avoid large groups congregating together. Sports and activities will be conducted outside as much as possible in such a way as to remove points of contact.

Temperature Checks

We ask parents to check their child's temperature every morning before coming to school and once again after coming home at the end of the day. Should children feel unwell, school has infrared temperature checking facilities.

Trips and Excursions

For at least the autumn term there will be no class trips. Arrangements for the Yr 5/6 residential are currently under review as we await government guidance.

Visitors

Updated protocols on visitors to the school building are in place. Our car park barrier system and gate control restricts access to visitors from outside the school. All necessary visitors (school nurse, educational psychologist etc) to the school will be required to use hand sanitiser, wear a face covering and leave their contact details should we need to contact them in the future. No parents will be allowed inside the school building. Unfortunately coming onto the school site without an appointment is not allowed.

Worried or anxious?

We recognise that good mental health is essential for pupils to thrive in school. Many of our teaching assistants are specifically trained to support children's emotional needs (ELSA's). Through the Plymouth Excellence Cluster multi-agency support team (MAST), we can refer children for counselling or drama/art therapy and support parents by providing Family Support Workers.

Reference

This booklet has been developed following recommendations from the Department for Education and Westcountry Schools multi academy trust (WEST) guidance. The DfE guidance is published daily and we will amend our plans accordingly should local and national circumstances change.



Public Health
England

Staff or children with suspected or confirmed COVID-19?

A new continuous cough?

OR

Fever?

OR

Loss or change
in taste or smell?

3. Small numbers!

4. Avoid/ reduce mixing

2. Clean! Clean! Clean!

1. Wash your hands!

5. Declutter and
reduce sharing

All of these measures help
to prevent the spread of
infection and will therefore
protect staff and children

Isolate and test!

Call 119 or use NHS online portal

FOR A

SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CASE

Contact your local

Health Protection Team (PHE) on

0300 303 8162 or swhpt@phe.gov.uk

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



NHS