



Marazion School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you already know, Marazion School is planning to open for ALL children for FULL TIME education in September 2020. The welfare of our school community has been at the heart of all our decision-making. The government have recently published guidance for the September return and you can find it here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

The response to Covid-19 is likely to be a long term one and it is vital that we are able to open our school to all children safely until a vaccine is discovered. Most of you know that next year is Marazion School's Year of Recovery, where we will return to school so that we can reconnect, restore and rejuvenate. The main focus for the year is for us all to recover from the unprecedented times we have travelled through and to keep well, healthy and safe.

The current guidance suggests children and adults work in separate 'bubbles.' The focus has now moved from practising social distancing (if possible) to 'reducing contacts.' Therefore, from September 2020, Marazion School is working with separate bubbles of up to 30 children.

How?

Each bubble has a teacher and any additional adults working within that bubble. Intervention programmes are led by additional adults who work with small groups and one to one with children in that bubble. These interventions respond to the needs of the children in that bubble, and may increase in order to accelerate progress. One to one sessions may also be delivered after school 3.15-4pm, again with adults and children from the same bubble working together. These after school one to one sessions are not starting until after October half term, at the earliest. The only adults that can work across the bubbles are adults that are working outside for example, Mr Tanner who will continue to lead Games Afternoons for all classes.

Where?

Each bubble has a separate indoor and outdoor space – children are learning outside the classroom as much as possible (even more than before!). Please note that we do not have separate toilets for the different groups of children. However, children will continue to use

the toilets one at a time and the toilets will be thoroughly cleaned daily, including in the middle of the day where necessary.

When?

From September, the school day is staggered:

- Children in Love (Year R/1) and Courage (Year 4/5) start @ 8.30am and finish @ 2.45pm. Children in Love need to be dropped off/picked up at the playground gate; children in Courage need to be dropped off/picked up at the start of the school driveway
- Children in Hope (Year 2) start @ 8.45am and finish @ 3pm. Children in Hope need to be dropped off/picked up at the playground gate
- Children in Faith (Year 3/4) and children in Empowerment (Year 6) start @ 9am and finish @ 3.15pm. Children in Faith need to be dropped off/picked up at the playground gate; children in Empowerment need to be dropped off/picked up at the main playing field gate.

For at least the first half term, there is no Breakfast Club and no school clubs.

We do acknowledge that different start/finish times are inconvenient for siblings but a staggered start/finish to the school day prevents large gatherings of our school community and is therefore vital to our reopening in September. Also, we are currently working with staggered start/finish times and all families have been flexible and managed to make it work.

Lunchtimes

From September all school meals are packed lunches, at least for the first half term. All children (including children in Year R, 1 and 2) can bring their own packed lunch from home. Any children who are eligible for either universal free school meals (Year R, 1 and 2) or who receive free school meals can have a school packed lunch provided for them. Please make sure that you let the school office know on **Mondays** if your child/children require a school packed lunch. Please note that you can also order a school packed lunch for your child/children at a cost of £2.30 per day / £11.50 per week. Again, dinner money needs to be sent with your child on Mondays.

Please note that the following measures remain in place:

- Rigorous health and safety assessments to minimise risk so that it is safe for both children and staff. These remain very different to the usual health and safety procedures that we have in school but we are getting used to them!
- An appendix to the Behaviour Policy, which details new rules and routines that children and adults must follow during the school day
- An amended Staff Code of Conduct, which details new rules and routines for staff
- Close monitoring of child and family health - minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school
- Adults and pupils showing symptoms will be sent home immediately and will be asked to self isolate along with any groups that the adults/children have had contact with. The

government has stated that there will be testing available for adults and children in school and their families. However, we do not currently have information about how this will work effectively in Cornwall

- Rigorous sanitisation procedures including washing hands, cleaning surfaces maintaining respiratory hygiene – Catch it, Bin it, Kill it etc
- Daily deep cleaning of the school
- Staggered drop off and pick up times (see above) with NO social gathering by parents or children on school grounds or close by
- NO parking on School Lane except in exceptional circumstances (these do not include either bad weather or lateness) – adults and children are asked to walk/cycle for the last part of their journey to school
- All classes to be well ventilated and a focus on learning outside the classroom
- NO visitors or parents allowed on the school site unless they have booked an appointment
- Parents' Meetings to take place outside (with pre-booked appointments) or via Zoom/Teams
- Daily meet and greet with HT/AHT/class teachers outside in the fresh air at the start/end of the school day.

Please also note that Marazion School will close to all pupils on Friday afternoons: Love (Year R/1) and Courage (Year 4/5) finish @ 1pm; Hope (Y2) finish @ 1.15pm; Faith and Empowerment finish @ 1.30pm. This is to allow staff to have planning, preparation and assessment time and the cleaning team to carry out a thorough weekly extended deep clean. Funky Friday (FF) activities will be posted on Seesaw for Friday afternoons but teachers will not be responding to this learning during the afternoon. However, links can be made to FF activities during the rest of the school week. Children will have different FF activities each week linked to a common theme, as usual.

Please get in touch if you wish to discuss any of this information in more detail. Please note that this information may be subject to change at any time if circumstances / guidance changes.

Staff and governors have worked hard to make decisions that are the right ones for our school community. Our main priority has been to make sure that all our children can return to Marazion School full time in September. Although many things in a Marazion School day have changed for now, the best of Marazion School is still here – relationships; community; creative curriculum; listening; support for the whole child to thrive.

Finally, we would like to thank you for the overwhelming support that you have given us in TIMES LIKE THESE - for your brilliant engagement with home-based learning; the time you have taken to stay in touch and give feedback; your unwavering support for us even when we have got it wrong; understanding that these are unprecedented times and that we are all doing our best. You are AMAZING!

The Marazion Staff Team and Marazion Full Governing Board