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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome Back.....to a new school year!

I hope that you and your family have enjoyed the six week break (even though the weather has been less than favorable) and that your child/ren is/are looking forward to returning to their new class - we are looking forward to seeing them!

Back in July we issued a letter informing you of the Government's decision to move to 'Step 4' on the COVID roadmap out of lock-down. Hopefully the following detail will help you to understand how things have changed on your child's return. In general terms Step 4 means that the Government is removing many of the mandatory control measures for wider society that were in place before the summer holidays and letting schools decide on specific issues based on their size, location and local COVID rates. To help explain what that might look like in our schools we have prepared a short list of Frequently Asked Questions - (FAQ) this is not an exhaustive list but hopefully gives a flavour of what to expect. If you have any specific questions then please email me and I will do my best to respond as quickly as I can - exechead@coastaltogether.co.uk

On the 31st August the Government issued a school professionals webinar called RP158 - Preparing for Autumn Term Webinar which you are welcome to view should you want to know more technical detail about testing, and school arrangements.

Following the FAQs will be some school specific arrangements based around 'starting back'.

Simon Wakeman
Executive Head

FAQ’s

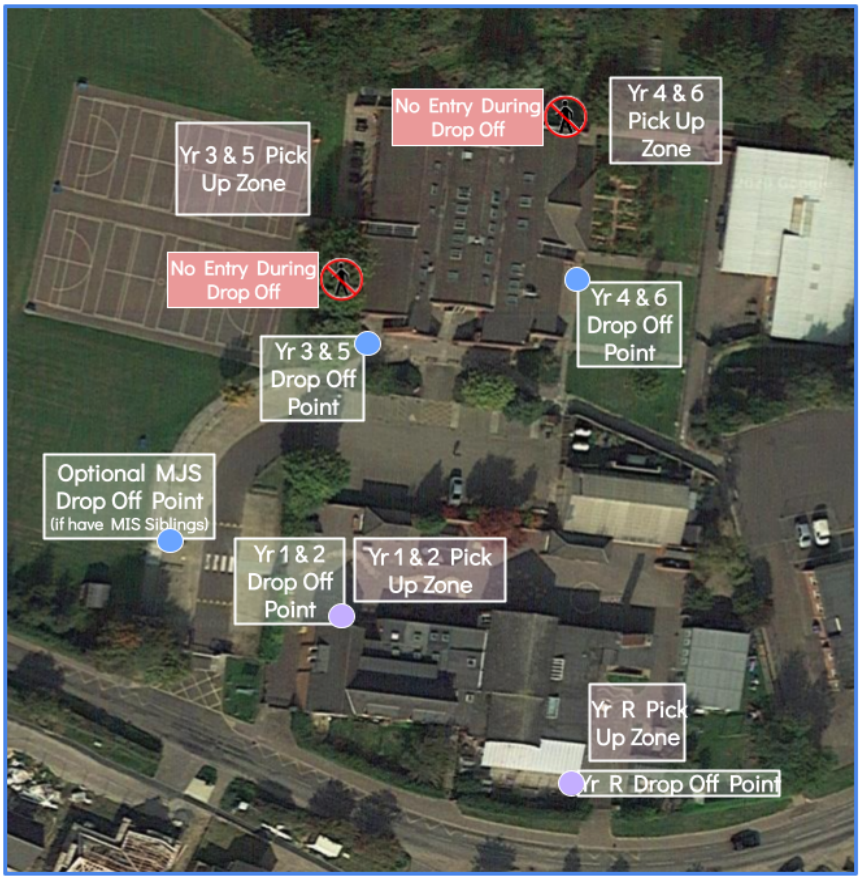
Question	CoastalTogether Response
Are staff still having regular tests?	All school staff will be taking Lateral Flow Device tests on a Sunday and Wednesday during September - further guidance will be given thereafter.
What if my child presents with COVID symptoms?	If your child presents with symptoms then you should book a PCR test within two days and keep your child at home and inform the school. Unless family members are showing symptoms then you do not need to isolate the whole family. If a child presents with symptoms at school then we will isolate that child and phone for them to be picked up and tested within 2 days. If that child tests positive then Public Health will contact close contacts. The school class will not be sent home unless there are further outbreaks. If a class is closed then home learning will commence.
Can parents come back onto the school site and if so do they have to wear masks?	Each school will have some specific requirements based on their size and situation but in general terms parents will be allowed back on site and will not be required to wear a mask. However, if a meeting is called and it cannot be conducted online and it is in a confined space then masks may be required - parents will be informed of this beforehand
Do staff have to wear a mask on the school site and classrooms?	Staff are entitled to wear a mask should they wish to do so but this will not be statutory and be dependant upon their own health needs
Are we having whole school assemblies?	We will have limited whole assemblies but it is important that the children come together as a community on a regular basis
Are new parents now allowed into the building?	New parents will be able to come into school to view the setting before their child attends. This can be booked as normal through the school office. Parents with children starting in Reception will be greeted at the gate and the children taken into school. This has worked very well during the last year and children have settled in more quickly. If parents have any concerns please call the school office and we are very happy to provide an update on how your child has settled in.
Do we still have “bubbles” both in class and at break/lunch?	Both staff and pupils can mix. All schools have to have a contingency plan in case of an outbreak which Public Health will give advice on. All classrooms will be well-ventilated, so children should wear extra layers when the weather gets cooler. It will be a fine balance between ventilation and working comfort.
Are pupils still eating their hot/cold lunches in the classroom?	Some of the schools within the federation are adapting the way that lunch is taken - based on what worked well during the summer term. Please see individual schools for advice.
Are children now allowed to bring things from home?	Children should limit what they bring to school based around things that are directly related to children’s academic achievement - i.e. equipment/books NOT toys.
Are children still coming into school in PE kits on those days?	Yes, on PE days children will come to school in their kit.
Are schools still being deep cleaned and using hand gel?	All schools will be cleaned throughout the day on all ’touch points’. Alcohol gel will be applied to children’s hands on entry and exit and periodically during the day.
Can we pop-in the school office to give messages and deliver items?	During September we really want to limit the number of visits to the school site by parents/visitors. The best way to pass on a message is either via email or phone. You may be asked to leave forgotten items outside of the reception entrances, again to limit contact.

Returning to School Guidance - Mundesley Infant and Junior School

- ★ There will no longer be a one-way system operating on the school site.
- ★ New Reception children will start school as detailed in your child's start date letter (please contact the school office if you are unsure of your child's start date).
- ★ There will continue to be one drop off 'window' for **all** children between 8:45 and 9:00am. Please continue to 'drop and go' during this window.
- ★ Children will enter school at the drop off points (see map below).
- ★ At the end of the day there will be one collection time for **all** children, and this will return to the pre-Covid time of 3:20 for all year groups.
- ★ Children will be released at their identified collection points (see map below). Please collect Junior children before collecting Infant children.
- ★ Children to come to school in PE kits on their class PE day.

Class	Teacher	PE Day
Bumblebee Class (Yr R)	Mrs Duffield & Mrs Betts	TBC when children start PE
Robin Class (Yr 1)	Miss Gray	Tuesday
Owl Class (Yr 2)	Miss Carman	Wednesday
Hedgehog Class (Yr 3)	Miss Clarke	Monday
Swan Class (Yr 4)	Miss Bugg	Tuesday
Kingfisher Class (Yr 5)	Miss Pettifer	Thursday
Seal Class (Yr 6)	Mrs Skinner	Wednesday

- ★ Swimming will commence for Year 6 on Friday mornings (Autumn Term 1). Children will need to bring a swimming kit to school on Fridays.
- ★ Breakfast and After School Coastal Club will operate as normal. Please book and pay online (contact the school office for further details if needed).
- ★ We may request you wear a mask if meeting within an enclosed space in the school building.
- ★ Please continue to socially distance where possible to stop the spread of COVID19.
- ★ Please continue to limit things brought in from home e.g. bags, pencil cases etc.



We will continue to practice common sense measures implemented during the restrictions in relation to hand washing and hygiene and would welcome your support in continuing to be mindful of appropriate social distancing. As always I will communicate with you any changes or updates as soon as we receive them.

On a final note, don’t forget to check the website at least weekly for regular class updates and your email boxes for specific communication.

All that remains is to wish you all a warm welcome back and from all of us at the CoastalTogether team and a safe and healthy start to this new academic year.

Simon Wakeman
Executive Head