



Unit 20,
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4th January 2021

Dear Parents or Carers

ST MAWES PRIMARY SCHOOL REMAINS OPEN TO ALL PUPILS FROM 5TH JANUARY 2021

You will have seen in the news this weekend that unions representing teachers and support staff mounted a challenge to the government decision to reopen primary schools this week.

We currently have sufficient staffing levels to safely open St Mawes Primary School to all year groups on 5th January, so we look forward to seeing their happy, smiley faces again!

When you are dropping off or collecting children, we ask that parents wear a face covering whilst on the school site.

Should you wish for your child to wear a mask on the way to/ home from school this is at your discretion. However, as per government guidance, we do not allow the wearing of face covering by pupils within school. If your child is wearing a mask during their journey to and from school, can you please ensure your child has a sealable plastic bag so that their mask can be safely removed and stored during school hours.

The government is not recommending the use of face coverings in primary schools. Based on current evidence and the measures that schools are already putting in place, such as the system of controls and consistent bubbles, face coverings will not be necessary in the classroom even where social distancing is not possible.

However, in welcoming you back after the Christmas holidays, I do have to sound a note of caution. As the dispute between the unions and the government is ongoing, and pressure is mounting from all sides to close primary schools nationally, this situation remains fluid and is liable to change at very short notice.

I would ask you all to please keep a close eye on your personal email account (for Arbor communications) and our Facebook and Twitter accounts for updates. Rest assured, the school will keep you fully informed and will do their utmost to offer as much notice as possible if closure or partial closure is decided to be in the best interests of all.

Yours faithfully

Angela Praed and Kerry Crinks
St Mawes Primary School

