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Dear Parents/Carers

This letter was first sent out at the end of July. **However, there are a few additional points that I would like to make you aware of in red and at the bottom.** We are really pleased to be welcoming all pupils back to our school. We will follow all guidance to minimise risk and offer the broadest curriculum possible. Children will stay within their class bubbles to minimise the risk of infection.

We will have many measures in place to make sure your child is as safe as possible when in our care. The measures we have in place are for our school and may not be the same in other schools in the area. Our school will look different from before and we will spend time explaining to pupils why these changes have been necessary.

Modifications to our school routines will include:

- Staggered start and end times for classes.
- Staggered lunch and break times.
- Pupils eating in classrooms.
- Extra cleaning throughout the day.
- Regular hand sanitising and handwashing.
- Class bubbles in place.
- Assemblies held virtually.
- Minimising staff contact with pupils.
- Changes to school uniform.
- Minimising the transfer of items from home to school.

The school has thought very carefully about the organisation of the day, including how best to keep year groups separate at break and lunch times and at the start and end of the day. The chart below tells you when we expect pupils to arrive. If you have pupils in more than one year group it is possible to drop at the earliest time to avoid large groups of parents and children in the playground. We ask parents to be prompt at the start and end of the day.

The timetable has been adjusted to protect the class bubbles. Lunch and break times will also be staggered. Junior pupils will be escorted to the gate at the end of the day.

Timetable and Routines

Class	Start time	Break time 15 mins	Lunch time Packed lunches in class room	End of day
Pebbles	8.30	9.50	11.45	2.45
Shells	8.45	10.05	12.00	3.00
Footprints	8.45	10.05	12.00	3.00
Waves	8.30	9.50	11.45	2.45
Surfers	9.00	10.20	12.15	3.15

Lunch

Hot packed lunches will be available from the school kitchen. This will be mostly hot finger food such as pizza and chips, fish and chips, hot roast chicken sandwiches. Meals will be delivered to, and eaten in, classrooms.

Menus have been posted on the school website.

End of day procedures

Infants will be dismissed from their classrooms. Junior pupils will be escorted to the gate by a member of staff at their allotted time. Please be punctual when picking children up so that we can maintain social distancing. We ask that where possible children are collected and do not walk to and from home alone. If this is not possible please email secretary@mullion-ji.cornwall.sch.uk.

Children will not be expected to take reading books home in the first instance but we will review this as the term continues (please see below re new guidelines on books).

Uniform

We will have a slightly more relaxed approach to uniform for the first half term after which we will review the arrangements. In September, we ask that pupils wear a school polo shirt, a sweatshirt and either jogging trousers or something comfortable that they will be happy to do PE in, as we will not ask them to change for PE sessions. Training shoes or pumps are recommended. Watches or other jewellery will not be allowed.

School bags

Space for hanging clothes and bags will be restricted and therefore we ask parents to send pupils in with the **smallest possible** school bag. The only items they will need to carry to school will be a drinks bottle, packed lunch and a coat **plus some homework and a book. These changes are made possible due to a relaxation of government guidance.**

COVID -19 controls

In the event of a pupil showing symptoms of COVID 19 we are well prepared and will follow all government guidance. We have isolation rooms set up and the facility to move an entire class bubble into another room if it is necessary.

Guidance on what to do if you or any one in your family has symptoms is available by following this link.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

Communication

If you have not registered as a parent on Google classrooms please do so. Reading records and comments will be posted to keep you abreast of your child's progress in reading as well as much more information. If you need any help in registering and accessing the system please contact the school.

Please keep visiting the school website for further updates and information as what we have learnt most over the last few months is that things change very rapidly

Use of face coverings in schools. The government is not recommending the universal use of face coverings in all schools. Primary schools will not need to wear a face covering. At Mullion Primary School we will ask visitors to wear a mask, however, these visits will be restricted. Parents will only be able to visit school by appointment.

Reception class pupils will not start school until Wednesday September 9th.

Please keep visiting your child's google classroom for updates on PE and other timetable issues.

Regards

Duncan Ratcliffe