

Maulden Lower School

BACK TO SCHOOL

Monday 6th September 2021



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents & Carers,

It's nearing the end of the school summer holidays and we hope you've all enjoyed a relaxing summer break.

We are starting to think about the return to school and it looks as though things are returning to our pre-covid routines. We know that Covid 19 is still out there and some of the protective measures will remain in place. A contingency plan has been written as we know infection rates could rise.

We hope the following information will help prepare your child for their start of the new academic year.

We are all looking forward to welcoming the children back to school.

Mrs Dwyer

The School Day

Class	Drop off	Collection
KS1 + KS2 Years 1 - 4	08.45	15.20
EYFS Preschool & Reception	08.45	15.15

Drop Off

A member of office staff will be available on the playground each morning for you to leave any messages for your child's teacher or for you to ask any questions.

KS1 + KS2 children will be let into school via the wooden gates to the left of the main school building as you face it. They will then walk through to their classrooms. Staff will be on hand to help them on their way. This is the system that we used prior to Covid restrictions.

EYFS children will be let into school via the green metal gates in front of the Early Years block. Please be prepared to say a quick and cheerful goodbye at the gates and allow staff to support your child on the way in.

GATES WILL BE LOCKED AT 08.55 AND LATE ARRIVALS WILL GO THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Collection

Please collect your child from the same gate as the morning drop off. You are no longer required to line up. Staff will release your child to you once they can see you in the playground. Inform the school office **by mid-day** if somebody else is collecting your child.

PLEASE SUPPORT US BY ARRIVING ON TIME WHEN DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING YOUR CHILD.

Protective Measures

Staff, parents and carers are no longer required to wear a mask at drop off and collection times but may continue to do so through personal choice.

Primary staff will continue to be provided with 2 rapid COVID-19 tests each week to be taken at home.

Primary school children and staff will not be required to wear masks while in school.

It is recommended that staff administering first aid or intimate care will continue to wear PPE.

Class bubbles are no longer required and children can mix with other classes at drop off, collection, playtimes and lunchtimes.

Regular, thorough hand washing will continue to be a priority and classrooms will be well ventilated at all times.

Assemblies will once again be held in the school hall which will be well ventilated.

Lunch and break times will no longer be staggered. All classes will eat their lunch in the hall in Key Stage groups. Surfaces will be cleaned regularly during the lunch period.

Outdoor learning will continue to be regularly timetabled.

Additional cleaning will continue to take place.

We have a draft contingency plan in place should there be a rise in cases in the local area or an outbreak within school. This will be available on the website once approved by the governing board.

PE

Class	PE/Outdoor Learning day
Reception	Monday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 1	Friday

On their PE day, children will need to come to school already dressed in their PE kit. Your child will need to wear black shorts or jogging bottoms, white t-shirt, Maulden sweatshirt/cardigan and trainers that they are able to do up themselves. **DO NOT** bring PE kits to school in a bag.

Dawn Til Dusk

Breakfast and After School care will be moving back to the school premises. If you would like your child to attend Dawn Til Dusk please contact the company directly.

<https://kidsdowntildusk.co.uk/school-school-holiday-clubs-bedfordshire/maulden-lower-school/>

Email: info@kidsdowntildusk.co.uk

Phone: 07584 041848

What To Do If Your Child Is Ill

Do not come to school if you are displaying symptoms of COVID-19:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- Loss of sense of taste or smell

To report a child's absence, or to report a positive COVID-19 test result, please call or email the school office before 09.30.

School Uniform

Your child will need to wear school uniform with school shoes. <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/maulden> They will also need to bring a book bag and named water bottle. Due to limited cloakroom space, please use a school book bag and not a rucksack. Please carry water bottles separately to avoid spillages.

School Dinners

We are pleased to announce that we have a new catering contractor in place from next week.

They will be providing a full menu which can be ordered online before your child comes into school and allow you to pay for your child's meals directly.

Unfortunately we are still awaiting the link to allow you to download the app but will forward this to you as soon as we receive it. We apologise for the long wait and inconvenience but we are chasing this matter up.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event
02/09/21	Staff Training
03/09/21	Staff Training
06/09/21	Y1-Y4 children start school
07/09/21	Returning Pre-School children start. Reception children surnames A-L attend 09.00 - 14.00
08/09/21	Reception children surnames M-O attend 09.00 - 14.00
09/09/21	Reception children surnames P-W attend 09.00 - 14.00
13/09/21	All Reception children 09.00-14.00. New starters for Pre-school settling sessions over next three weeks
14/09/21	Reception children start full-time

MSA

The Maulden School Association is a very social, busy and hardworking group that not only raises large sums of money for the school but also provides fun activities for parents and children. The MSA has historically been a major contributor to the school and village life in Maulden. If you are interested in joining the committee or finding out more, please contact the school office. Look out for opportunities to join in throughout the year, your help and support is much appreciated.

Communication

Please ensure you have downloaded the WEDUC App to aid home/school communication. You will receive a notification when messages come through for you. Also check the newsfeed regularly for photos and updates about your child's class and their day to day learning.

Our school website has a wealth of information for parents and carers as well as Learning Zones for the children. <https://www.mauldenlower.com/>

If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher, use the email address below (please note these are different from last year) or contact the school office if your message is urgent. A member of office staff will also be in the playground each morning.

Class	Email
Year 4	y4homelearning@mauldenlower.com
Year 3	y3homelearning@mauldenlower.com
Year 2	y2homelearning@mauldenlower.com
Year 1	y1homelearning@mauldenlower.com
EYFS	earlyyears@mauldenlower.com

Email: mauldenoffice@mauldenlower.com

Phone: 01525 402286