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Update from Ms Ceri-Ann Morris, Headteacher.

In just over a few day's time we will be welcoming our learners back through the gates of Milford Haven School for 'Check-in, Catch-up and Prepare' sessions. As a school, we are very much looking forward to seeing our learners again and to chat with them about their experiences and see how they are. It's been a very long time since we have seen them.

All parents/carers will have seen the detailed letter sent out via media platforms last Friday and during this week, the Heads of House have been busy publishing House Flyers with further detailed information and Tower videos demonstrating the safety procedures the school have put in place, showing what school will look like and to make sure your child's return to school is safe, as well as a happy one. The link to these videos is here;

<https://milfordhavenschool.co.uk/update-thursday-25th-june-2020-videos-from-each-hoh-showing-how-each-tower-will-run-from-next-week/>

All these documents can still be found on our website COVID-19 page and letters are also available under our Parent/Carers, followed by the Letter Home section. We hope that the videos and phone calls this week will have helped learners understand what will happen from the minute they walk through the school gates. The videos walk through the path and process learners will experience before they get to the classroom. We hope that these videos will not only be informative but will also reassure parents/carers and learners that we have tried our best to ensure the school is as safe as it can be.

What next in relation to MHS?

Well, during this week the house tutors have been busy contacting everyone in their house form inviting your child into an allocated session for their visit to school. Please don't worry if you said no this week, you are always welcome to change your mind, but you will need to contact school first so that an allocated session can be given in the following week by the house tutor. Each pupil has been placed in a POD, coming from the use of a 'pod of dolphins' who work together and look after one another. There are four pods in total in each tutor group and as you can see from the videos, every House has its own TOWER. This is to reduce the risk of the number of people your child will come into contact with in any one session.

There will be two start and ends to the day and pupils have been allocated a specific entry and exit point for the school. Pods 1 and 3 are in the mornings and will be greeted by their house tutor at 8.35am. Pods 2 and 4 are afternoons and they will be greeted by their house tutor at 12.15pm. Please can you ensure your child is here on time and they wait on the markers at the allocated entry points. No pupils should be at the school site more than 10 minutes before their allocated start time as they will need to wait, keeping socially distanced from others, until the house tutor comes to greet them at the times stated. Senior staff will be at these points to supervise and ensure social distancing is adhered to.

Similarly, the end of the morning session will be at 11.40am and the afternoon session will be 3.20pm. Again, I would please ask that pupils leave the school site as soon as possible, whilst still adhering to social distancing rules, so that the risks to contact with others is minimised.

We would ask that pupils bring as little as they can to school with them, but we would advise they bring a filled water bottle. We will have a Chromebook at hand and intend to avoid the usage of other equipment to a bare minimum again to reduce the risk of cross contamination between learners, staff and home.

Our expectations of pupils when they arrive in school in terms of Health, Safety and Hygiene are that they always adhere to the 2m social distancing rules and they sanitise their hands and any belongings on arrival and regularly through the time they are at school. It is vital that all children follow the instructions and guidance from every member of staff and the notices around the school to ensure everyone is kept safe in school.

If your child has been coming into school as part of the childcare service we have been offering, I confirm that this service will continue as normal, 5 days per week, until the end of term on Thursday 23rd July 2020. Over the summer holidays we believe that childcare for key workers will still be in place but will be coordinated by Pembrokeshire County Council, not the school.

A reminder that only pupils expected on site will be allowed on site. We have Pods and Towers that pupils have been allocated to. This ensures the safety of everyone as our numbers mean that social distancing can take place. Should a pupil attend, who is not expected at that time, you will be contacted immediately and asked to collect them from the gate they have arrived at. Our planning and staffing has centred around the information you have shared with us both on the google form and through the telephone calls this week with house tutors. Should you change your mind on either sending in your child or not sending them then please contact the school and ask to speak to the Head of House.

In Summary:

- Pupils will have received a phone call from their house tutor inviting them into school for their 'Check-in, Catch up and Prepare' sessions.
- Access to the school site on these days is not permitted before 8.25am Pods 1 & 3 and 12.05pm for Pods 2 & 4 as pupils will be waiting on allocated markers at each gate entry for the house tutor to meet and greet them at 8.35am or 12.15pm.
- We will not be able to accept pupils on the school site on any other days or times.
- In order to avoid any unnecessary movement, your son/daughter will remain in the same classroom from the start of their visit through until the end and they once again will be escorted off site through the gates at either 11.40am or 3.20pm.
- There will be a staggered break for each group and they will be allocated to a designated outdoor area within their house tower.
- Parents/carers of pupils with a skin condition which may be aggravated/inflamed by the use of an alcohol-based hand sanitiser should seek advice from their own GP prior to returning to school.
- Where possible parents/carers should travel with their children to and from school, ideally on foot, or by bike or any other means of active travel. If travelling by car, please park away from the school entrance as this space is being used for markers to greet our pupils.
- We ask that parents avoid coming onto the school site unless absolutely necessary and either email or telephone instead.
- School transport is only to be used when absolutely necessary. Any queries should be directed to the School Transport Department within the local authority. Bus routes remain the same and will collect and drop off at the usual times in the morning and after the session finishes.
- Pupils will be expected to wear uniform where they can, either normal, summer or PE kit is welcomed. Where pupils may have grown out of uniform a suitable alternative that follows health and safety guidance as set out if we had a non uniform day.
- Pupils will be expected to adhere to the usual positive behaviour policy and comply with specific rules suitable for this situation.
- Pupils will need to follow the one way systems when moving around the school where they apply in each tower.
- Pupils will not be permitted to share any equipment or wander around the school and must abide by 2m social distancing rules.

- It is recommended that pupils should bring a filled water bottle and any snacks/food if required, as the canteen will not be open and all water fountains are disconnected as per county policy. These must not be shared and any rubbish will need to be taken home.
- The choice to wear a face mask is for you to decide and will not be prevented.
- House tutors will be discussing progress and accessing online learning with all pupils. We have collated information from all subject teachers to support this discussion and catch-up with current progress pupils are doing in their online learning.
- Online learning continues at home on Google Classroom for all pupils.
- Pupils MUST follow the school's rules and expectations to keep themselves and others safe, both when in school and when working online using remote learning. Any risk to safety, parents/carers will be contacted to collect their child immediately.
- The school is fully supporting the current vaccinations for pupils in year 9 and there will be letters and phone calls going out to parents/carers from our school nurse. We do not want this to disrupt the learning days offered to year 9, therefore the invitation for vaccines will be for a Monday or Tuesday and will take place in the Thornton hall. No contact with the internal structure for the school day or towers will be impacted on.

It will be fantastic to see Milford Haven School come alive with learners once more on the 29th of June, something my staff and I are very much looking forward to.

As usual, I would like to thank you, as parents/carers, for your continued support during this time of lockdown.

Take care and stay safe,
Yours sincerely,



Ms Ceri Ann Morris
Headteacher



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