



Dear parents/carers,

As we fast approach the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in what has been an extraordinary time. I would also like to thank all the staff and governors at Nancealverne School who have worked exceptionally hard throughout this period and have gone 'above and beyond' to offer support to all of our students and families- from supporting children in school to: delivering food parcels, telling virtual stories, weekly welfare calls, organising resources and online class lessons. I am very proud of our whole school community and how we have all supported each other through these challenging times.

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back on the **8<sup>th</sup> September**. Please be reassured that the safety of all students and staff is our first priority and I have included detailed information about the health and safety measures in place to safeguard our school community:

Your child will be in a class 'bubble' and there will be minimal movement of students around the school. Each 'bubble' will access the school facilities at different times and these areas will be cleaned after each use. Each 'bubble' will access the playground at different times.

#### Health and safety information:

- All students will have lunch in classrooms and there will be no whole school assemblies. Swimming at the leisure centre will not take place in the autumn term.
- School will be cleaned regularly throughout the school day including surfaces, door handles and play equipment.
- Any students who are unwell will stay at home. Any students arriving in school with symptoms of covid-19 will be sent home
- PPE will be worn by staff to support toileting/personal care and for supporting students in close proximity for a prolonged period of time.
- Everyone will wash their hands regularly and use hand sanitiser.
- Staff will collect children from transport vehicles at the start and end of the school day to limit the number of visitors in the school.
- Students will use different entrances and exits to limit the traffic in the main corridors. A member of SLT will be outside on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September to support parents dropping their children to school.
- The number of visitors in the school will be limited throughout the autumn term.
- We will be rearranging classrooms ensuring desks are facing the front of the class and classroom surfaces are clear and can be easily cleaned through the school day.



### What if there is a case of coronavirus in the school?

- The person with symptoms must be tested as soon as possible and if positive, the person will have to isolate for 7 days. If the test is negative the individual can return to school. The school carries on as normal unless a positive result is received.
- If the test is positive, the people they live with must isolate for 14 days.
- If anyone in the class tests positive, the class 'bubble' and those who have had close contact must isolate for 14 days.
- If your child or a family member experiences any of the coronavirus symptoms, they cannot come to school. We will ask the family to request a test.

We appreciate these are worrying times, and I would ask that you contact the school if you have any worries or concerns or require any further information about the health and safety measures in place.

### Other information for September:

- Students will be required to wear full uniform. The school uniform can be purchased from Trophy textiles either online or in the store (Pool business park, Pool, Redruth) [enquiries@trophytextiles.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@trophytextiles.co.uk)
- Students will access a full curriculum including additional timetabled opportunities to support the re-connection of relationships, PSHE, wellbeing and physical activities. Pupils will be baselined in the first few weeks to identify any attainment gaps and to provide additional support where needed.
- All children will be expected to attend school unless they are unwell. Please contact the school office to notify school of your child's absence. Children who have been advised by their GP/specialist care team to continue to shield will not be expected to be in school. Details of the remote learning programme will be available on the school website prior to the end of term.
- Hot lunches will be available as normal. However, lunches will be eaten in classrooms.
- School will start at 9.10am and finish at 3.20pm
- Transport will be in place for all students entitled to transport.
- The vast majority of Students will return to their pre-lockdown classes for continuity of education. We also felt that it was important for children to be supported back to school by familiar and trusted adults, class team and friendship groups. For those students who will be moving up the school, this will also provide time for transition to take place during the first half of the autumn term. You will be informed about transition arrangements nearer the time. Where appropriate, and in consultation with parents, a few pupils will transition into their new class from September.



## Nancealverne School

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### Additional information:

We have been working very hard on the school environment to make sure that the school is a warm, stimulating and exciting place for all children returning in September. We are very lucky to have such an excellent artist in our school caretaker, Nigel Westwood who has transformed the pool area and new reading room. We will be celebrating our school environment in the first newsletter of the autumn term. I will also be posting some pictures on the school website before the end of term. I am very much looking forward to seeing all the children again in September and look forward to an exciting and rewarding term ahead. Thank you once again for your continued support of Nancealverne School.

Kind regards,

Ruth Carpenter

Headteacher