



15<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Government request to extend provision on the 1<sup>st</sup> June**

As I am sure you know schools have been asked to extend provision from key worker children to also include Nursery, Pre-school, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. To help us in our preparations the government have provided us with guidance on what they have called “protective measures”, but what has been generally referred to as “social distancing”.

Firstly, thank you for your patience. Like you we have many questions and we felt it was important to carefully think through how we might expand the number of children in school whilst keeping children and staff as safe as possible in the current circumstances.

Having given it careful consideration, I don't believe we are going to be able to set up our schools, organise and train staff to keep everyone as safe as possible AND open to **all** those year groups by the 1<sup>st</sup> June.

From 1<sup>st</sup> June provision for the children of key workers, who are currently accessing provision, will be in their own school. We are hoping to invite more pupils back in, probably later in that week. Government would like the youngest children in first, so we would aim to invite in Nursery, Pre-school and Reception children in the first instance. The plan would then be to increase the number of children steadily over the following weeks.

This will mean we can make sure the way we operate continues to meet the government safety requirements as the numbers in school increase.

### **How will you maintain social distancing?**

When children do start to attend again, school will feel different. It is probable that the children will be put into what we are calling “bubbles” of between 10 to 15, with an adult. We think we will be able to keep these “bubbles” apart so that there is little risk of cross contamination between “bubbles”. I think it is fairly obvious that for the children within a bubble, social distancing will be almost impossible to achieve, particularly with Nursery, Pre-school, Reception and Year 1.

We are aware that some children may find all these changes a bit worrying. Headteachers will provide you with some ideas on how we can work together to reassure and support your child before their return.

### **What will pick up and drop off look like?**

Pick up and drop off times will need to be carefully planned so as to prevent spread between parents. This will mean staggering times for when parents arrive at school at the beginning and end of the day. Adults will not be allowed inside the school building.

### **Will my child have to attend if offered a place?**

There will be no legal requirement for children to attend. Many parents will continue to feel that, during this pandemic, home is the safest place for their child. We will continue to provide learning and support for children at home. Parents who chose not to send their child back to school this term will not be fined.

### **What will happen in the meantime?**

The work provided to support your children to learn at home will continue. There will be no work set during half term week (WB 25<sup>th</sup> May). Please take this time to relax and enjoy time as a family. Home learning will recommence on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Provision for the children of key workers will continue at the Pool hub, Redruth hub or Camborne hub until 1<sup>st</sup> June. Please note the Hubs will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

### **When will we know more?**

We are still fine tuning the details of how this will all work, so please bear with us. There are many factors to consider such as staffing, what cleaning routines will look like, whether or not school uniform is a good idea etc. We will let you know our plans as soon as we can.

The government has published information for parents here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

As educators none of us want to see children out of school for a day longer than necessary. However, in the current circumstances, the safety of children and staff must come first. That is our moral and legal duty.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in supporting us through what is a uniquely challenging time for everyone.

Kind regards

Simon Hague  
Chief Executive