



Porthleven School.

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Dear parents and carers

Tuesday 20th July 2021

Firstly on behalf of all the staff here at Porthleven School, I would like to extend a huge thank you for all your support over what has been at times a difficult and challenging year.

I write to inform you of the protective measures that will be in place from September and changes we have made to the school day. When children return on 8th September there will no longer be staggered start times. All classes will be open for children to arrive at 8.45am and registration will take place between 9.00 and 9.05. The 8.45 start time provides essential learning time for children to reinforce maths strategies and practise grammar especially addressing gaps in their knowledge and skills. Break and lunch times will be timetabled according to key stage, to provide pupils with more space on the playground, especially in bad weather when the field is not in use and to reduce the number of pupils in the lunch hall. The school day will finish at 3.15pm for all pupils.

Apart from EYFS who have already informed parents of the children drop-off and collection points, there is no change to the drop off and collection points for Key Stage 1 nor Key Stage 2, which will remain either in the car park or outside the school gates. We have kept these measures as children have benefitted from the greater independence and it helps with site security as parents should only be entering the school through our reception and signing in. Should parents need to meet with class teachers we ask that they make an appointment through the school office by emailing secretary@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk or they can catch either myself or Mr Ratcliffe at the school gate to pass on a message.

From September the classes will no longer be in bubbles and children will have greater freedom of movement around school. Assemblies will take place and it is our hope that we will hold events that parents can attend such as 'Class Pride Assemblies', 'Learning Together' and Christmas nativities. However, as all of you well know, much depends on an improved outlook regarding covid transmissions. There will still be some protective measures in place come September:

- **We will still minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.** If the school is informed of a positive Covid case within your child's class we will no longer be asking the whole class to isolate but just the positive case and anyone else we are informed of by Test and Trace as being a close contact. Any child displaying symptoms will be monitored in our isolation room until parents collect them.
- **Classes will continue to clean hands more thoroughly than usual to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and other winter bugs.**
- **We will continue to ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach** and request that if your child has a cold they bring in their own pack of pocket tissues.
- **Protective facemasks may still be worn by staff from time to time if they feel they are unable to socially distance and parents entering the school may be asked to wear a facemask if local Covid numbers remain high.**

Another change that we wish to keep is for children to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days as this provides more time for PE, rather than time spent changing and ensures their kit is washed more regularly. However, we feel it is important that children wear the proper school PE kit: house or school t-shirt, black shorts or joggers and trainers, and a school jumper/fleece rather than a hoodie. If children are not in school uniform, parents will be messaged to ensure they wear the appropriate attire for their next PE day.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those members of staff who are leaving this summer namely, Mrs Hendy, Mrs Reys, Mr Autie, Mr Rutterford and Miss Warwick and wish them all the best for the future.

We welcome three new members of staff who were appointed last week: Mrs Crayford who will be a TA in EYFS; Miss Mitchell who will be a TA in KS1 and Mr Dunn who is our new Cover Supervisor.

Should there be any further government guidelines between now and our return to school I will inform you further by email and update the school website.

I wish you all well for the summer holidays.

Yours sincerely

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