



19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As you are now probably aware, the Department for Education has informed all schools to close due to the Coronavirus outbreak. Until we receive further information, our last day of being fully open is Friday 20th March 2020.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories (please email the office: secretary@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk). We'll be in touch again as soon as we have a definitive list of who this does apply to.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday 23rd March onwards unless we confirm to you otherwise.

Your child's Learning

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we are doing everything we can to help learning continue.

All teachers have been working on learning overviews for the children. An overview timetable for your child for Week 1 (up to the Easter holiday) will be posted in **your child's class blog area of the website**. This is suggested coverage for your child to work through. The information on the timetable is brief. Supporting documents will be posted in your child's class blog area along with further suggested learning activities. These areas will be regularly updated by teachers so please do check back daily (during normal school weeks). It is our intention to keep learning going for as long as we need to be at home. Children will be bringing home exercise books that they can work in. We will provide marking guidance/answers where needed so it is possible to check children's work.

We have set up new email addresses so that parents and teachers can contact each other. We have deliberately set up new addresses to ensure that there is more than one person who is able to access the messages so you can be assured of a timely response regardless of the individual situations that staff are dealing with. The email addresses are as follows:

EYFS@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (Mr Moore, Mrs Morris and Miss Booth)

KS1@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (Miss Hair, Mrs Hitchens-Todd and Miss Delaney)

LowerKS2@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (Mrs Shami/Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Sadler and Miss Tully)

UpperKS2@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (Miss Dunstan, Miss Blight/Mr Webb, Miss Crane)



In addition, we have an email address for our pastoral team or for any other situations that arise that don't fall under the remit of the class teachers. This email is as follows:

help@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (Mrs Crewdson and Mrs Tomlinson)

These email inboxes will be checked daily by staff as long as they are well. Please be patient and be mindful that staff may well have their own family members at home to look after as well as completing work tasks. As a result, any member of the team assigned to the email address may respond to you. In addition, Mr Callaway and I will be monitoring the accounts on a regular basis to help with responses.

We are incredibly sad that we need to close to most of our children but recognise our role in working together to do whatever is needed in these unprecedented times. While periods of isolation will undoubtedly be challenging, please know that we are available through the contacts listed.

We will do our very best to keep you informed as the situation evolves and we get more guidance. Please keep checking the school website where we will post information as soon as it is available. We will also continue to make use of the school's texting service. If you update your telephone number during the period of school closure, please just email your updated details to the office email above and we will ensure that our systems are updated. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by text and messages on the website.

With all best wishes to you and your family; please know that we are in this together.

Cathryn Andrews
Headteacher

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