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Dear parents and carers

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year. The staff and I would like to thank parents for their lovely messages of support on our Facebook page.

I am sure you all appreciate that the increase in infection rates and change to Cornwall's tier status has brought in a new set of challenges for the return to school, especially with changing news and last minute announcements.

The school will be open as usual and we wish to see a full return of pupils so that we can continue to deliver and support their learning. The current guidance from the government is that it is mandatory for all primary school students in this area to return to school full-time. Whilst I understand that some parents may have reasons to keep their child/ren off from school, we are very aware of the negative impact that missing schooling has on children's learning and their future prospects. If parents choose to keep their child/ren off from school, the school is prohibited from supporting their learning at home.

We have worked in line with all guidelines and Public Health/DFe advice to implement good covid control in schools to mitigate potential risks. For example we have:

- Increased the frequency of cleaning - paying attention to all surfaces but especially ones that are touched frequently - such as door handles, light switches, work surfaces, remote controls and electronic devices.
- Employed additional day time cleaning staff who are targeting high frequency areas - wiping down with regularity (at least twice a day as a minimum) and also toilets (checking that sanitising gel is topped up in every classroom, soap dispensers in toilets and hand washing stations are available).
- Children are organised into class bubbles
- We have a staggered start and end to the day to avoid children mixing from different bubbles
- Time tables are also staggered for break and lunch times to avoid children mixing between bubble groups.
- Children regularly sanitise and/or wash their hands at various intervals during the day.

I can assure you, we all have a genuine and committed imperative to ensure the school is safe for the continued education of our students, and work place for staff.

To strengthen these measures further we ask that all parents wear a mask when dropping-off and collecting their child/ren. Please could parents ensure that their children wait with them to avoid them mixing with children from other bubbles. Please could you also stick to the designated times for drop-off and collection. A reminder of the times are as follows - please note the changes to Anglefish and Cormorants class times:

Class name	Year Group	Teachers	Drop- off time	Collection time
Families with multiple children in school			8.30	2.45
Angelfish	Nursery / Reception	Mrs Trounson	8:30	2:45
Rainbowfish	Reception	Mrs Wood	8.45	3.00
Seahorses	Year 1	Mrs Penrose & Ms Warwick	8:30	2:45
Turtles	Year 2	Mrs Power	8.45	3.00
Narwhals	Year 3 / 4	Mrs Figgins	8.45	3.00
Swordfish	Year 3 / 4	Mr Williams	8.45	3.00
Pelicans	Year 5 / 6	Mrs Bidgood & Mrs Blandford	8.30	2.45
Hérons	Year 5 / 6	Mrs Hulme	8.45	3.00
Cormorants	Year 5 / 6	Mr Autie & Mrs Dean	8:50	3.05

Teachers have also asked that I remind parents that children need to bring in their own water bottles and tissues into school.

I appreciate the situation may change in the coming hours, days or weeks. Please ensure that you are able to log into your child/ren's Google Classroom account should we have to move quickly to on-line learning. If you have any difficulties with accessing online learning please contact your child's teacher by email to secretary@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk and addressing your message 'For the Attention of' (FOA). If you do not have access to a device that supports Google Classroom please contact the school office and we can arrange an equipment loan.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Mr D Clayden
Head of School

