



Friday 21st May

Dear Parents

I hope you and your families remain well, both physically and emotionally. At least the sun continues to keep shining!

As we plan and prepare for a possible, partial opening for specific groups of children on 1st June, an important part of the process is to share the measures we have been instructed to implement to try to keep children, staff and yourselves safe.

- There will be a staggered start to the school day with separate entrances being used for each class. Whilst we have reduced numbers, surnames A – M to arrive between 08:45 - 09:00 and surnames N – Z to arrive between 09:00 – 09:15.
- With the current numbers of children coming back all children will be using their own classroom. Turtles and Seahorses use their external classroom doors as normal and Dolphins are to use the library door.
- It has been acknowledged that the younger children will be unable to socially distance themselves, however the Dolphins and Seahorse children will be seated spaced around the classroom and the expectation will be that this is maintained. The older children will also be expected to maintain a distance when outside (as much as possible). Staff will be trying to maintain a 2m distance from children and may choose to wear PPE when needing to be in close proximity i.e. when administering first aid.
- Playtimes may possibly be staggered, as necessary. Each class group i.e. pupils and teacher/TA, will not mix with any other class group. This is to restrict the possibility of cross contamination between groups and allows easier tracking and tracing should anyone become ill.
- Aspens (Lyra) will start to produce lunches on Wed 3rd June. All children will need a packed lunch on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd June.
- If someone within a group becomes ill, displaying any Coronavirus symptoms, the individual should be tested while the rest of the group isolate. If the test comes back negative, the group returns to school. If the test comes back positive, the rest of the group should be tested.
- If a member of staff becomes ill (with an illness other than coronavirus), it is likely that that group will have to remain at home as we will be unable to provide adequate cover for staff breaks. We cannot bring someone else into the group.
- There will be an enhanced cleaning regime to include regular disinfecting of tables, handles and equipment. Each class will have their own cleaning station with wipes, gloves, antibacterial spray and cloths.
- Children are to use hand sanitiser on arrival and continue with at least hourly handwashing throughout the day.
- Children will not be allowed to bring anything of their own from home except lunchbox, coat and sunhat.

- PPE will be available for staff to use but there is no expectation for them to do so. Face masks have been deemed unnecessary by the government for both pupils and staff.
- There will also be a staggered end to the school day with surnames A – L being collected between 14:30 – 14:45 and M – Z between 14:45 – 15:00.
- Please apply sun tan lotion on your child before they come to school. It should be of a high factor in order to last the day.
- Parents will not be allowed within the school building, so please drop at the gate to their area or in the case of the Dolphins, the bottom of the library ramp. If you need to speak to a staff member, they will come out to you.
- As children will have grown over the last couple of months, there is no expectation to wear uniform. Clothes should be washed at the end of each day and children should be showered.

The safety measures we will be implementing highlight the potential severity of the situation and these have been created on advice from the government. Please talk through the above with your child (age appropriate), if they are returning to school.

If we open, we will obviously be making your child extremely welcome, but their school day will be far from 'normal'. As schools in Denmark have discovered, it will be an opportunity for children to develop independent learning skills as staff endeavour to maintain a 2m social distance for everyone's safety. Children's work cannot be marked by the teacher until 3 days have passed. Work will either be self-marked or placed in a tray and marked at a later date.

Teachers will be continuing to provide support for those learning at home, and the children attending school will also be using the same Learning Packs and BBC bitesize resources to ensure parity. There will also be as much outdoor learning as possible as the 'scientific evidence' shows that being outside poses less of a risk.

For children continuing to learn at home, we will be able to provide paper copies of the Learning Packs, when they become available, and these will be supplied upon request to Mrs Best, by email (preferably) or phone, and she will arrange a time for them to be collected.

Our Chief Finance Officer has notified us that the likelihood is the government will stop the voucher scheme for FSM for the year groups that school is open for. So this will be Rec, Y1 and Y6 in the first instance.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have shown towards staff at school, throughout this situation to date. It has been most appreciated and I have no doubt it will continue over the weeks to come. As always, if you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

All of these plans are subject to change depending on further Government guidance and the decision of the North Cornwall Learning Trust board of Trustees.

Kindest regards

Helen Ward