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Dear Parents/ Carers

After our Summer break, I am writing to confirm and clarify arrangements for the start of term on Monday 7th September. Some of this information may be repeated from the letter sent out in July but please read all of the letter as a reminder and to clarify new points, especially for new families who have joined us this term.

In line with government guidance we will reopen to all pupils, unless they have received specific instructions from health professionals to self-isolate. We will continue to do as much as possible to keep everyone safe, the approach being a balance of providing a full educational experience whilst minimising the risk of transmission of Coronavirus.

Teachers will be assessing the children over the first few weeks and if catch up is needed this will be done over the course of the term, and the year ahead, in a variety of ways including whole class catch up sessions, small group work or individual time with an adult. We recognise that every family's experience of lockdown has been different so please do not worry if you feel your child has not achieved what they might have done otherwise.

School structure will be in 4 class bubbles as follows:

Busy Zone for Early Years (Pre-School and Reception) with Miss Sumpter (Mon-Thurs) and Mrs Nisbet (Fri) and Mrs Butcher.

Wonder Zone for Year 1 and 2 with Mrs Kite (Mon and Tues) and Miss Bray (Wed-Fri) and Mrs Edwards.

Smart Zone for Year 3 and 4 with Mr Birchall and Mrs Reid and Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Whaley.

Study Zone for Year 5 and 6 with Miss Neil and Mrs Joyce and Mr Wakeham.

We have tried to ensure consistent staffing as much as possible in each class bubble but there will be occasions when a member of staff from one bubble will need to be in another bubble. When this is the case, staff are aware of additional safety measures they can put in place such as keeping a social distance from the rest of the class.

Pre-School will be available as follows:

For 3 and 4 year olds from 9:00 - 3:00 Monday - Friday.

For 2 year olds from 9:00 - 12:00 Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This will be regularly reviewed and is subject to demand and staff availability as strict staff ratios are necessary for younger pupils. Please ensure you book a place for your child for Pre-School with Jacqui Ames in the office or by email at secretary@sithney.cornwall.sch.uk.

Staggered starts will still be in place to help ensure social distancing during busy drop off and pick up times.

Staggered starts must be strictly kept to for everyone's safety and will be as follows:

Infants (Busy and Wonder Zone) and their siblings arrive 9:00am and leave 3:00pm.

Juniors (Smart and Study Zone), who do not have siblings in the infants, arrive 9:15am and leave 3:15pm. We regret we will not be in a position to invite pupils into school any earlier (unless they are booked into Breakfast Club) and politely request that you adhere to these times.

Drop off and pick up points will be as follows:

Busy Zone - Early Years outside gate.

Wonder Zone - back porch door.

Smart Zone - junior porch door.

Study Zone - class back door.

Please go straight to the class entrance area where class teachers will meet pupils and direct them to either line up or go straight into class. Please ensure social distancing in the playground and ensure you leave the playground swiftly after drop off and pick up to make room for the next arrival / departure.

Please note that parents will not be allowed into the school building. Bills will need to be paid by ParentPay or BACS. Please call or email the office or email your child's class teacher if you have any queries. Meetings can be arranged but they may be remote via Google Meet.

In order to aid new Reception pupils with transition to their new class we are offering a staggered start to the year. This will be as follows:

Week starting 07.09.20 - 9:00am - 12:00 mid-day.

Week starting 14.09.20 - 9:00am - 1:00pm.

Week starting 21.09.20 - 9:00am - 3:00pm.

Wrap around provision will be available in the Autumn Term. However, as this provision will be for pupils in all the bubbles, safety measures such as social distancing will be necessary. Therefore, the number of places we are able to offer will be strictly restricted to working families who are reliant on wrap around for work reasons and who have booked the week before. Wrap around provision will be as follows:

Breakfast Club - 7:30am - 9:00am. Breakfast Club will not be open to additional pupils after 8:30am to 'drop off pupils early' as we have strict staggered starts. All families using Breakfast Club will need to take their child to Reception area. Here, they can ring the bell if there is no-one available in the office.

After School Club - 3:00pm - 6:00pm.

Please note we are only able to offer wrap around provision for 3 and 4 year olds if arrangements have been made with school and a place has been agreed and booked in advance, as we need to ensure correct staff ratios in place. Wrap around provision is not available for 2 year olds.

Pupils will be encouraged to wear school uniform where possible but non-school uniform will be acceptable for the start of the Autumn Term due to an increase in clothes washing and the financial impact of this time. On PE days, please send your child to school in PE kit. Please also ensure your child has a coat and practical footwear at all times as outdoor play and learning will take place where possible. Your child's class teacher will let you know if any additional or specific outdoor learning clothes such as wellies. As usual, pupils should not wear jewellery to school and long hair should be tied back.

Pupils should bring their water bottle to school each day and take it home at the end of the day to be washed. School will provide all resources so we ask that pupils do not bring any additional items of stationary or toys into school. Pupils will have individual sets of resources where possible. Where resources are shared we will ensure extra hygiene is in place such as hand washing. Government guidance has recommended that all desks should be forward facing so pupils will have a set place to sit while they are working at their desks but there

will also be opportunities for regular movement breaks and different approaches to learning according to the age and needs of the class.

School meals will include a 'take-away' hot meals option in a covered dish. However, as lunches will be delivered to and eaten in the classrooms, the hot meals option will not include any choices and will come as it is eg roast dinner will come with vegetables and gravy. If your child is particular about what they do not like you may prefer packed lunch.

Please remember if anyone in your household is showing symptoms of Covid 19 you must not bring your child to school and you must report this to the school immediately. You will be asked each day if your child is well and that everyone in your household is well. Please ensure you are available at all times to pick up your child if they should become ill and ensure school has your correct contact details.

Teachers will be going through all of the new routines and changes with the pupils, in an age appropriate manner, when term begins and will include regular reminders but please talk through relevant points with your child so they are prepared. Please also continue to teach your child how to wash their hand correctly, how to apply hand sanitiser, how to sneeze and cough into the crook of the arm and how to use a tissue to blow their nose. These hygiene measures will help to reduce the risk of transmission.

If you need further information or clarity, please do contact either myself at head@sithney.cornwall.sch.uk or Jacqui Ames at secretary@sithney.cornwall.sch.uk. Please remember that the situation may continue to change so please do read the weekly newsletter and check the school website www.sithney.schools.co.uk and emails for any updates and be prepared for further changes.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Kind regards

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