

## DOUBLETREES SCHOOL

A member of the Special Partnership Trust



5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent and Carers

### **The Special Partnership Trust Covid-19 update 5<sup>th</sup> January**

I wanted to write to you to provide an honest overview of the current position of the Special Schools in Cornwall and what we are planning to do. These are unprecedented times, information and guidance changes almost daily. It is no surprise that we were taken aback by the Government announcement on Monday evening, as we had planned extensively over the New Year period for reopening in January according to the guidelines provided at that time. We are therefore still gathering detailed information from the Department of Education, but it is important that we take the appropriate time to plan and communicate all information effectively with parents and staff.

It is important to emphasise that we endeavour to ensure schools are as safe environments / Covid secure as possible for children but in reality we are not Covid secure as we have all witnessed Covid cases in Cornwall rising. We are currently reviewing risk assessments, staff availability and those pupils that are clinical extremely vulnerable to ensure that we are able to support all pupils with either onsite or remote learning or a blended combination. We understand and support the fact that many parents will choose to keep children at home and 'shield' them. The well-being of staff and pupils is our priority. Trust Schools will be providing support for all pupils from the 7<sup>th</sup> January and schools will be in touch with you today. (**Doubletrees** are open on the 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> for critical workers but closed to all pupils on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January).

I am very proud and grateful for the reaction and continued support of staff, parents and pupils at this time. It is a wonderful community and we are working together to develop flexible arrangements that will be put in place to make sure we can offer appropriate support to pupils and families.

School staff will remain in touch with you to explain the school offer, the plans and the way forward. If you have any concerns or questions please refer to the school websites, contact the schools direct or the Trust office where we will be available to answer any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely

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