

Friday, 26th March 2021



Dear Parents,

From **Monday, 8th March** the school will again welcome back children from all age groups.

Below is a link to the up-dated **government guidance**:

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We will continue to manage the risks through a range of protective measures which will help us to control the virus, even with the current new variants:

- The children will once more work within their separate **class-bubbles** to help reduce the potential transmission of any infection.
- The children can be dropped –off between **8.45 – 9.00 am** and will be directed to go straight into their classrooms. We don't presently plan to introduce **staggered start and finish times** as this may inconvenience parents with siblings in different class-bubbles. *We do reserve this an option, however, should parents not respect social-distancing guidance and linger when collecting children at the end of the school day.*
- There will be **frequent hand-washing** and use of hand-sanitizer, including when children arrive at school, return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating.
- The staff will continue to promote the '**catch it, bin it**' approach to ensure good respiratory hygiene. *Please ensure that you send your child with a packet of tissues.*
- There will be more frequent **cleaning and enhanced ventilation**, including the cleaning of frequently touched surfaces. *Children may bring a small bottle of their own hand-sanitizer.*
- **Social distancing** between individuals will be encouraged (though there is acceptance that this is not always possible for young children or those with special educational needs) and the children will have **separate times for breaks outside** or have separate zoned areas of the playground/field in which to play with the children from their bubble-group only.
- The children will be seated in **forward-facing desks** (where practical).
- Equipment will be routinely cleaned before being shared by children from a different class-bubble.
- Only **essential visitors** will be able to come into the school and these will be required to sign the NHS 'track and trace' form and to wear a face-covering if moving around the school site.
- Parental requests for appointments must be made in advance and would preferably take place through **Google Meet or by phone.**

Face-coverings are not recommended for children of primary age though we ask parents to use a face-covering when dropping-off and collecting the children from the school.

The majority of the school staff are now undertaking **asymptomatic rapid testing** using lateral flow devices twice each week and it is expected that this will help to identify people who are infectious but do not have any coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms. *Primary Health England does not currently recommend regular testing of primary age children.*

The **parent and pupil protocols** for the re-opening of schools have been amended and can again be found on the school website. *Please take the time to share these with your child ahead of their return to school.*

Things are not quite yet back to normal but we do seem to be heading in the right direction now with lower infection rates across Cornwall and the local community, fewer hospitalisations and an increasing number of people receiving their vaccination.

We are expecting that the children wear their **school uniform** on their return to school but to come already wearing their PE kits on days when sports are timetabled. *Your child's class-teacher will inform you of the days using Class Dojo.*

Hot **school meals** choices will be available for all children and the menu will be published on the school website and through Class Dojo ahead of time. Meals will be eaten within the classroom for the time-being (as was the case in the autumn term). *Payment must be made using ParentPay, please.*

We are not yet able to organise any **residential visits** or **school trips**, though we hope to be able to manage at least the latter in the summer term sometime.

Our **After School Club** will continue to run after school from **3.30 – 5.30 pm** on **Monday to Friday** each week. Please ensure that you complete a **registration form** if you have not used the provision before and complete the **booking forms** in advance. *These can be found on the school website. Payment must be made using ParentPay.*

The school will continue to teach a broad and balanced **curriculum** in all subjects, and will adapt teaching and curriculum planning to ensure pupils cover the most important content. There will be certain changes to some subjects, such a sport and performance subjects, so that the teachers can deliver these as safely as possible following government guidance. *Face-to-face music tuition will begin again shortly and we have organised some outdoor and adventurous activities for the children already.*

We plan for our '**catch-up**' **intervention** support lessons will begin again after the Easter holidays.

There are resources on the school website to enable you to support your child's **mental health** as they transition back to school but please do message your child's class-teacher should you have any questions or concerns. *Please let us know if any personal circumstances have changed during the lockdown period so that we can offer the best support to your children.*

Attendance from 8th March will be mandatory again. This means that it is your legal duty as a parent to send your child to school regularly and to ensure good punctuality. Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable should still attend school. *If you are worried about*

your child returning to school or they are experiencing any anxieties, please contact the school for help and advice.

You should plan your holidays within the **school holiday** periods only. *These are noted on the calendar on the school website.*

As before, please inform the school on the first day of any **sickness absence**, and each subsequent day, unless your child has to isolate at home for reasons linked to the coronavirus pandemic.

You should not send your child to school if they:

- **Have symptoms or live in a household with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19**

[\(https://www.nhs/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/\)](https://www.nhs/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/)

- **Have tested positive themselves, even if they do not have symptoms**
- **Live in a household with someone who has tested positive, even if that person does not have symptoms**
- **Are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19)**

PLEASE SEE THE CORONAVIRUS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS – SCENARIOS AND ACTIONS FOR FAMILIES pdf document on the website homepage.

Class:	Drop-off time	Pick-up time	Staffing
Trevithick	8.45 am	3.15 pm	Mrs. Patchett Mrs. Sanderson/Mrs. Haywood
Trengrouse	8.45 am	3.15 pm	Mrs. Hendy/Mr. Jones Mr. Penberthy/Mrs. Eyres
Grylls	8.45 am	3.15 pm	Mrs. Nelson/Mrs. Taberer Mrs. Biddick Miss. Hatfield/Mrs. Rickard
Lander	8.45 am	3.15 pm	Mrs. Roberts/Mrs. Taberer Mrs. Beevers/Mrs. Humphries/ Mrs. Causo-Garbutt/Mrs. Haywood

Please note that Mrs. Coleman will return from maternity leave in the week beginning the 22nd March and will replace Mr. Jones on the Thursdays and Fridays in Trengrouse Class.

Mrs. Naomi Roberts (Teaching Assistant) will be returning from her maternity leave for the beginning of the summer term.

Thanks again for your encouragement during these testing times. Please get in contact with the school if you have any questions or concerns about the return of your child to school.

Yours sincerely,

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