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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we head into the summer holidays, I wanted to say an enormous thank you to you all, and your wonderful children, for all your understanding and support during the last few months. It has most definitely been a challenging time for all of us but also a time where the most amazing and humbling sense of community has been in place. Thank you so much for all your messages and feedback, for working with us to ensure that we heard from every family every 10 days and for your patience as we reviewed and revised approaches in response to the ever-changing situation.

As we know, the sincere hope is that we return to some sort of normality from September with all children back in school. The Trust as a whole is committed to reviewing our approaches to various things eg wraparound care, every few weeks so we can adapt and change when it is safe to do so. We will keep you updated with any changes as soon as possible. We will also write to you towards the end of the summer holidays to confirm the arrangements for September and to highlight any changes to the information sent out already.

We sincerely hope that it is not the case but we are prepared for scenarios whereby we are asked to go into lockdown again. While this is not something that any of us want, please be assured that we have plans in place to respond to such situations if they occur and will work to make sure that the provision of work, remote learning, safeguarding support etc will be there if needed.

As you will know from our emails and calls, safeguarding has been, and always will be, our number one priority. We are now entering the summer holidays and the school will therefore be closed. While our phase and 'help' emails are not being deleted, they will not be viewed on a regular basis. Therefore, we felt that the following phone numbers and organisations might be helpful, should you suspect a child is at risk of any form of harm or, if indeed, you need any support personally. These organisations are set up specifically to help families.

Family information services:

<https://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/kb5/cornwall/directory/family.page?familychannel=0> This service provides a whole host of useful local links such as childcare, financial advice and leisure facilities.

The Early Help Hub - 01872 322277: This service covers pretty much everything from parental support to mental health issues. Usually a good 'first point of call' to make.



MARU (Multi agency referral unit) 0300 1231 116: This service is more specific to child safety. If you suspect a child is being subject to or has the potential to any harm then call these people. They offer and provide a very reassuring service and will usually involve other agencies (Police, Schools, Social Services) where necessary.

911 or 999: It might sound obvious, but if you know or suspect a child is in danger – do not hesitate to call the police.

National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0800 2000 247

The staff team are back in school from Thursday 3rd September and the start of term for the children is Monday 7th September.

While we are all looking forward to taking some time off during the summer holidays, we are very, very much looking forward to seeing you all in September and welcoming all the children back into school.

We wish you all a safe, happy and hopefully relaxing summer together and hope that you are able to spend time together with your loved ones. Take care, all good wishes and thank you, once again. It has been an unprecedented and challenging time but it has also been an unprecedented and amazing response from the Pennoweth community.

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