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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Remote Learning

First and foremost, we hope that you are all doing well and are safe with your families. If there is anything at all we can help with, please do contact us through the help email address ([help@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:help@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk)) and we will get back to you as soon as we possibly can.

As you will be aware, in this lockdown period, there is a significantly heightened expectation set by the DfE for remote learning provision and engagement. Guidelines are now that all KS1 children should be set at least 3 hours learning per day and KS2 children should ideally have 4 hours learning. As a result, teaching staff are working hard to ensure that the resources provided are in line with this.

Please know that we absolutely recognise and understand the pressures that these heightened expectations can add, particularly when there is more than one child at home. We also know that the Marvellous Me task reminders are numerous. The task reminders are there as a means for us to track how much work children are able to engage with and to provide additional support and guidance where engagement is challenging. We do recognise that it may not be possible for all children to engage in all activities every day. The time 'guidance' for how long children should be engaged in learning can absolutely include wider activities including daily walks, helping to cook dinner, bedtime reading etc; there is not an expectation that children are sat for 3 or 4 hours solidly working.

We are deliberately removing work set on the blogs after a few days so that the amount of activities posted to the learning areas of the website are not overwhelming. If your child isn't able to access some of the learning on any given day and then it is removed, please don't worry. Whilst the work that we are setting is part of a planned sequence, children should be well positioned to engage with work even if they have missed a lesson. If you do need help to bridge any gaps in understanding, please do let us know and we will arrange for a member of staff to call home and support.

We are constantly looking for ways to improve the ways in which we operate and we are currently looking at moving to a different learning platform that will mean we can consolidate notifications and home learning / feedback in one place. Please look out for further communication regarding this in the near future.

In the meantime, stay safe and take care of yourselves and your loved ones. We look forward to seeing you again in the near future.

Best wishes  
Cathryn Andrews