



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been the usual busy week at SLE. It has been especially busy for Tamar Class as they have built up their resilience to full school days. Thank you for your continued support. Enjoy your weekend!

School News

As mentioned last week, Enviro have this week commenced preparing the groundworks for our new building. Over the next few weeks, we will see increased activity as the building develops. Enviro are very mindful of the location of the build and the need to ensure that disruption to the school and community is kept to the minimum. Enviro have informed the school that they will be undertaking a letter drop to local homes in the area providing contact details for their site manager, should any residents have any queries.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Starting next week, the popular and well-loved Mr S from Go Active will be running three clubs for this term:

- Year 1 and 2 multi-sports on Thursdays (3:15 - 4:15)
- Year 3 and 4 Football Wednesday Lunchtimes (no consent necessary)
- Year 5 and 6 Football on Wednesdays (3:15-4:15)

Mrs Holroyd will be sending out details about booking your child a place through the Arbor App.

Please note, these clubs will take part in most weathers so make sure your child is well prepared. For children attending a club on days when they are not already in their PE kit, please can they bring their kits to get changed into. Thank you.

Our staff remain keen to organise and run extra-curricular clubs for our children, however, we are still currently hampered by space and not being able to mix too many children indoors. Hopefully these restrictions will ease during the school year and we can return to offering more opportunities to our children soon.

Arbor App:

New Parents we recommend that you download the Arbor App. This is the simplest way which we can communicate with you and does not incur any charges. Through this you will receive up to date information concerning your child. Please follow this link:

[Arbor App](#)

Library

Mrs Ashton has over the past two weeks become our school librarian, which means that our children now have access to a number of new fiction and non-fiction texts to enjoy through weekly class visits to our school library.



Volunteers

Due to our risk assessments during the past 18 months, we have had to say goodbye to having our wonderful volunteers in school, however, we are approaching a point soon where we hope to be able to welcome you and any new volunteers back into school. We are just finalising the procedures with Aspire Safeguarding and Health and Safety teams and hope to be able to confirm a timeframe for returning very soon. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Parent Pay:

Thank you for your patience whilst Parent Pay and Mrs Holroyd have ironed out any issues with access for some of our parents. Parent Pay can be used to make payments for wrap-around care, school lunches and for educational visits. Please check your accounts and make payments regularly to avoid any money owing building up. If you do have issues paying for items, please come and chat with us.

Free School Meals - Reminder:

Did you know that if your child is registered as eligible for free school meals, the school receives a pupil premium payment of £1,345 per year? The school receives this payment whether or not your child has the school dinner. This premium is used by the school to organise additional opportunities, which directly benefit your child. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

How does it work?

Year 2 and below

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 they can get free school meals as part of the national Universal Free Infant School Meals Scheme.

It is important that if you receive a qualifying benefit you still need to register for free school meals under the eligibility scheme.

Year 3 and above

If your child is under 19 and in full-time education, you may be able to get free school meals for them if you get one of these benefits:

- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Support (IS)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 if you're an asylum seeker



- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Children who receive Income Support (IS) or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance in their own right can also get free school meals.

We recommend that all parents who think they may qualify whether in any year apply through the link below:

[Free School Meals \(servelec-synergy.com\)](https://servelec-synergy.com)

Please Note – Parents whose children have now moved into Year 3 now need to pay for ordered school lunches – this can be done through the Parent Pay app.

Covid contact tracing and self-isolation:

The current government guidance for schools (which we are required to follow) states:

From 16 August, adults and children will not be required to self-isolate even if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons"

Children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who have been identified as a close contact **should continue** to attend the setting as normal. They do not need to wear a face covering within the setting, but it is expected and recommended that these are worn when travelling on public or dedicated transport.

So, if a pupil with a parent or sibling who has tested positive for COVID and they themselves are well then, they should continue to attend school. The family of the affected person should all have PCR tests as they are close contacts of a positive case however as long as the children are well and non-symptomatic they can continue to come to school whilst awaiting test results.

From 19th July schools were no longer expected or able to undertake contact tracing. Schools will not be asking families to keep their children home to isolate nor asking any member of staff to isolate unless they have Covid symptoms. This is now undertaken completely by NHS Test and Trace.

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parents to identify close contacts. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of



the close contact. As parents or carers, you may be contacted to help with identifying close contacts.

Arrangements for Drop Off and Collection:

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Arrival Time</u>	<u>Departure Time</u>
Gannel – Mr Easter	8:30-8:40	3:00
Lynher – Miss Eddison	8:30-8:40	3:00
Helford – Mrs Ashley	8:30-8:40	3:00
Fal – Mrs Lewis	8:40 – 8:50	3:10
Kenwyn – Miss Adler	8:40-8:50	3:10
Tamar –Mrs Stanhope – Following a settling period of two weeks.	8:50	3:10

- Staggered drop off and collection times based on class
- 1-way directional system
- An adult will be at the main gate entrance welcoming the children and supporting with the direction of movement.
- **One adult per family** will accompany their child – unfortunately, no parent or carer will be able to enter the building
- **No child or adult should gather on the school site at any time**
- Children will enter their classrooms via their external classroom door and will immediately wash their hands or use hand sanitizer.
- For collection, the gates will be open at 14:55. Do not to arrive before 14:55 as this would result in congestion
- **Siblings to be dropped off/collected at earliest time**
- To support the safe environment, **parents must adhere to the collection and drop off times**

One way System: The one-way system has been extremely effective in enabling the children to enter and leave their classrooms in a calm way. We have appreciated



your co-operation with this during last year and know from your comments that you have found this system efficient too.

Therefore, please continue to enter through the gate near Reception class (as you do currently) to walk around the building, dropping off children at classroom doors.

Uniform

A reminder that we ask for your child to wear a school sweatshirt, cardigan or hoodie as part of our required uniform. These can now be purchased from Key Wear in Truro. The rest of the uniform can be purchased anywhere you wish. This decision is in place to ensure that the cost of uniform is kept low. However, we wish to ensure our uniforms is fully affordable and accessible, therefore, high street alternatives to branded school uniforms are very acceptable.

It is important that you support our school by ensuring your child has the correct uniform. If you do have any issues sourcing or affording the correct uniform, please contact the school for help and support.

School PE Kit

We would like to keep the children coming into school in their PE kit on PE days. This has almost eliminated lost kit and, because children do not need to change, actual PE teaching time is extended.

Children should wear their SCHOOL PE KIT as detailed below. On all other days they should wear their normal school uniform. The Uniform Policy is on the website:

- White T-shirt
- Black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers for outside activities.
- Choice of **school** hoodie, sweatshirt or cardigan
- No Football kits or brightly coloured clothing

Non Pupil Days/Term Dates 2021-22

We have set our INSET (Non pupil) Days for the next academic year as:

Tuesday 4th January 2022
Friday 18th February 2022
Monday 6th June 2022 – Platinum Jubilee Day
Monday 25th July 2022
Tuesday 26th July 2022

Our Term Dates for 2021-22 are:

Autumn Term:



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Smile – Learn - Excel

Tuesday 7th September 2021 – Friday 17th December 2022
(Half-term: 25th – 29th October)

Spring Term:

Wednesday 5th January 2022 – Friday 8th April 2022
(Half-term: 21st – 25th February)

Summer Term:

Monday 25th April 2022 – Friday 22nd July 2022 [1:30pm Finish]
(Half-term: 30th May – 6th June – return to school on **Tuesday 7th June**)