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Dear Parents and Carers

Today's announcement that schools will be closed for the foreseeable future except for certain groups of children and that public examinations are cancelled for this academic year will have come as a shock to many. Certainly the scale of the measures means we are not in a position to provide you with specific details at this point.

We want to reassure you, that as soon as we have more fine detail, we will update you on all arrangements going forward. There will be regular updates on your school's website in the days ahead during the period of the school closure.

The government have assured us that the children who should be sitting public examinations will not be disadvantaged and we will have to wait for the detail on this matter. We feel enormously sympathetic for our students who have been working so hard and who wanted the opportunity to demonstrate what they can achieve in the examinations.

For children who will be at home for the foreseeable future, we will be sharing work packages with you either in hard copy or online. To best prepare them for their future, it will important that they continue to study so they can build on their learning once they are able to return to school once more.

We have provided a selection of work for your child to complete at home which will be sent home in a folder. On top of this work provided, your child can look on Showbie.com in the "Spring" folder where there are some links for different websites. Whilst your child is at home, they can use Showbie to communicate with us; asking for help, sharing news, asking for new work which we can put onto Showbie for them to download. They can even record themselves reading to us and we can read to them.

Showbie login:

Username= child's first name followed by cury. No capital letters or spaces;

e.g freddiecury

Polurrian Class can access IXL and Times Tables Rockstars; Poldhu Class can access Reading Eggs.

Reading programme and books - please ensure your child reads to an adult daily; completes the reading task attached to the book. Where your child has completed their reading book we are happy for you to use books from home to support their reading. All children will be sent home with at least three books but we will try send links to online reading resources in the coming weeks.

If you do not have internet access at home, please request a written copy of materials by either emailing or contacting your child's class teacher by phoning the school.

The school will do its best to provide ongoing work for your child over the course of the school closure. Please do keep checking the website and the class Showbie page for updates to the learning programme being provided.

If your child has difficulty accessing the online materials provided, please contact your child's class teacher. Teachers will endeavour to respond to emails during the working day.

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If the school holds medicine that your child will require during the closure, please ensure that you make arrangements to collect it from the school.

If you have any further concerns or queries, in respect of your child during the closure period, please contact Mrs. Wandless on head@cury.cornwall.sch.uk or Mrs. Kapp on secretary@cury.cornwall.sch.uk

Some children will be able to attend school settings in order to protect the key services our country needs during the Coronavirus crisis as well as to provide for the most vulnerable. Examples of these key workers include NHS staff, police and supermarket delivery drivers but we are expecting a definite list to be published tomorrow at some point. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with Education, Health and Care Plans.

We will publish more details about who this covers in due course and the arrangements for them.

Children who do not fall into these groups should remain at home with appropriate care and use the study materials provided for them.

For those of you who are in receipt of Free Schools Meals, we will share information with you about how will we ensure you still receive support in feeding your families.

I am sorry that this is short on detail and ask for your patience as we work through the government's announcement. We will provide a further update as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Donna Bryant

Trust Executive Leader