



29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

## Update on Partial Reopening of our School

Dear Parent/Carer

You will undoubtedly have heard the Prime Minister's statement last night in which he set out his assessment that each of the five tests are being met, **but** that we must proceed with great caution. As such, he confirmed that from Monday (1<sup>st</sup> June) schools can begin to open more widely.

**Our Trust Board met this morning to make the final decisions about the plans to open Trenance more widely.** The Trust central team explained how we have been working to undertake the full risk mitigation approach recommended, taking into account the most recent government guidance, scientific evidence and staff/parent views. The trustees agreed that we have acted with reasonable care.

After a full discussion it was agreed that **Trenance Learning Academy and all Kernow Learning Schools should move more cautiously than previously planned and adopt a revised timeline of opening for pupils in Reception.**

### Revised Timeline

Our school will reopen from 1<sup>st</sup> June to offer places to key worker and vulnerable pupils from all year groups but will **not extend to the wider opening of Reception Year pupils until at least the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.** (This is in line with the national decision to open secondary schools and is when we will have further robust data to analyse against our risk mitigation strategy.)

Over the next two weeks Trenance will:

- Proceed with training for all staff as planned
- Be open for the children of Key Workers all year groups
- Be open for vulnerable children all year groups
- Not yet expand provision for wider Reception pupils
- Continue with our home learning and regular contact for all year groups
- Treat these two weeks as a transition period where all staff are fully trained in the new arrangements in their own school setting with smaller pupil numbers
- Continue to be robust in our risk assessments and application of rules on the ground to ensure maximum safety for school children and staff
- Continue to take note of the latest scientific advice
- Continue to monitor the local conditions including the R value for our school area
- See how the new 'Test and Trace' system is working in our local area

The Department for Education confirmed that 1st June was an 'aspiration' and therefore the responsibility for taking the decision about when it is safe to increase pupil numbers rests with Trust boards. At Trenance we believe that it is important that we all stand together to ensure that everyone in our schools and communities is safe.

We appreciate that the decision to proceed with more caution and extend our phased opening timeline may cause difficulties for some families, however, we know that you will agree that the safety of our pupils, families and staff has to be at the forefront of our thinking.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

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