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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you and your families are well. This week, we have welcomed back many of our Year 5 pupils along with others from key year groups. We must commend your children on the positive way they have returned and the way they have sensibly adapted and negotiated social distancing with very little reminding.

As you are probably aware, The Secretary of State followed the Prime Minister last Friday to announce that all children will return to school in September. We are obviously delighted by this. However, headteachers had no prior knowledge or consultation regarding this announcement, or indeed any previous announcements. We await further guidance from The Department of Education with regards to how we safely facilitate a whole school return. With this in mind, we are unable to communicate our plans and this may be some time away and dependent on a great many variables. Our return to school plan will be communicated once we have received the necessary guidance and had the opportunity to plan it with thought and care.

As we are only three weeks away from officially breaking up for the Summer holidays, we are aware that subsequent to our abrupt school closure in March, many of your children have P.E kits and books etc. at school. If your child has not returned to school and this is the case, please can you email dkirby@tregony.cornwall.sch.uk to arrange pick up of these items. Also, could we ask that any library or reading books are returned to school. Please leave them in a named bag in the box in our school entrance. Thank you.

Unfortunately, we are not able to do our usual transition day where pupils have the opportunity to experience their new classes. However, in the next two weeks, I will be informing parents of those pupils who are taught in split year groups which class they will be taught in next year.

For those of you who have children who are returning to school next week, I have added information from our previous re-opening letters. For existing pupils, we have a few adjustments to where children will be based from next week, the amendments can be found below. As more pupils return to school, the marking of online learning may reduce as teachers are in class on a full time basis.

Arrival, Dismissal and Timings

In order to reduce congestion at the school gate, there will be a staggered start and pick up from school (see table below). We have developed a one-way system where parents and pupils enter via the usual entrance but should follow the arrows to exit from the side gate by Class Porthcurnick. Parents and pupils

will need to socially distance and adults are not permitted in the school building or allowed to gather on the playground. Only children should enter the school building via their cloakroom, where they will wash their hands on arrival. There will also be two metre markers to support pupils. All pupils and parents will be greeted warmly and supported by a familiar member of staff so that your children feel safe and secure.

Arrival:

Time	Year group/groups	Class	Teachers
8.30 am	Key workers	<i><u>School Hall via the Children's Centre</u></i>	TA rota
8.40 am	Year 6	Porthluney Class	Miss Worledge/Mrs Tamblyn
8.40 am	Year 5	Portholland Class	Mr Marriott/ Mrs Paulley
8.40 am	Additional 'bubble'	Porthcurnick Class	Miss Hancock/Miss Mulroy
8.50 am	Year 1	Summers Class	Mrs Kent/Mrs Paulley
8.50 am	Reception	Towan Class	Miss Robertson/Mrs Gulliford
9.00 am	Pre-school	Pre-school	Pre-school

Dismissal:

Time	Year group/groups	Class	Teachers
2.50 pm	Pre-school	Pre-school	Pre-school staff
3.00 pm	Reception	Towan	Miss Robertson/Mrs Gulliford
3.00 pm	Year 1	Summers	Mrs Kent/Miss Paulley
3.10 pm	Year 5	Portholland	Mr Marriott/Miss Paulley
3.10 pm	Year 6	Porthluney	Miss Worledge/Mrs Tamblyn
3.10 pm	Additional 'bubble'	Porthcurnick	Miss Hancock and Miss Mulroy
3.20 pm	Key workers	<i><u>School Hall via Children's Centre</u></i>	TA rota

Classes

Within the DfE's guidance, the Government has acknowledged that social distancing of very young children is not possible. To support pupils with this, we will be reducing class sizes, and using different timetables and approaches to reducing the number of children any individual may come into contact with. Children will be placed in 'bubbles' of no more than 15 children (but mostly less). Rooms have been arranged to separate tables and plan independent activities/work with equipment that is easily cleaned and personal to children. Some toys will be placed in Milton overnight. Each room will have a cleaning station; which staff will use frequently to maintain hygiene throughout the school day. Doors will be hooked back so they are not touched and windows will be open to ventilate. Where possible, pupils will remain in the same room with the same, limited number of staff. We aim to utilise the outdoor areas as much as possible. However, pupils will not be able to mix with other 'bubbles' either in class or on the playground. To support this, we will have staggered break times with different areas used. Whilst we will endeavour to support and actively encourage social distancing, we cannot guarantee this. We will, however, be embedding clear routines of social distancing, handwashing and using tissues when coughing or sneezing etc. Staff will not be wearing PPE unless a pupil is experiencing symptoms of Covid-19, where they will be chaperoned in a private room/or outside until they are picked up.

In order to minimise spread, and should you decide to send your child back to school at a later date, we would need to know on the Thursday before they start so that we can plan for this as safely as

possible. It is important to note that should capacity increase to a point where we can't socially distance pupils safely or staff it, we may not be able to accommodate your child later this term.

Equipment

Pupils will be expected to wear school uniform, as we consider this to give them a sense of normality. Guidance suggests that this should be washed daily. However, we do appreciate the demands this places on you! We ask that each child brings in a named, filled drinks bottle and a snack each day. They will also need to bring a reading book that will remain in school. PE kits should be brought in and taken home at the end of the week. Pupils will be discouraged from sharing to avoid cross contamination. No other equipment should be brought into school (including toys and pencil cases). We will not be sending reading books home to further reduce the risk of cross contamination. However, we will continue to provide online reading using Bug Club.

Lunchtimes

Pupils may bring their own packed lunch or the school kitchen will prepare a cold, school packed lunch, consisting of a range of pasta pots, sandwiches, rolls and wraps, fruit, yoghurt, biscuits and cakes. These must be ordered in advance and can be paid for through bank transfer (email: dkirby@tregony.cornwall.sch.uk) or in a named envelope which should be given to the class teacher by your child. Packed lunches will be delivered to each class and pupils will eat them in class or outside. All Key Stage 1 pupils are entitled to this free of charge, as part of their universal free school meals along with pupils who are entitled to free school meals. All pupils who are eligible for free school meals, but who are not attending school, will continue with their weekly hampers.

Illness

If you or a member of your family shows symptoms of Covid-19, please follow the self-isolation guidance (see the link below) and report this to the school.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you should self-isolate at home. If you or your child have symptoms of Covid-19, you can ask for a test to check if you have the virus (please see the link below).

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Teaching and Learning

If you choose to send your child back to school, teachers will be delivering a similar content to the online learning that is being set. During this unprecedented time, we do not have to follow the National Curriculum. However, we plan to continue with our maths and English coverage as much as possible with a focus on fun, relaxed tasks in the afternoons. With teachers spending time in class as well, there will be less available support throughout the day for those participating in home learning and this is something we will constantly review.

Visitors to School

In order to reduce mixing groups of pupils and potential exposure to the virus, there will be no wrap-around-care, clubs, walking bus, assemblies, visiting teachers, music tuition etc. We also ask that parents do not enter the building. If you need to communicate with the class teacher or myself, please email or call the school office (01872530643) in the first instance. Otherwise, an appointment can be made in advance so we can ensure social distancing.

Transport

If your child/ren use/s school transport, this will be provided as usual. However, please email dkirby@tregony.cornwall.sch.uk to confirm revised timings to fit with our staggered arrivals and dismissals.

I appreciate your patience and continued support and know that these times pose challenges and pressures for many families, but myself and the staff at Tregony School look forward to seeing you and your children again.

Safeguarding

If your child is returning to school in one of our key groups, they are expected to return on a full time basis. Therefore, all of our usual safeguarding checks will remain in place.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Douglass

Headteacher

