

Dear Parents/Carers,

As our sixth week of lockdown draws to a close, there are still no answers with regards to when schools will resume. This does not, however, stop us from thinking about what it will be like for our pupils on the day that they finally walk back into the classroom. For many of us, both parents and children, the loss of structure can be unsettling, causing anxiety and frustration of which you will bear the brunt. Whilst you may think that the removal of assessments may be a relief to our pupils, these can be instrumental in shaping a child's ambitions for their future and many of our pupils will be upset by missing out on this rite of passage.

I think that, for many of your children, the greatest loss they will be experiencing is that of their peers and the isolation from their extended family. I am certainly missing my friends and family and can only imagine how much worse this must be for children, who may have difficulty understanding this sudden change to their lives. Children make sense of their world through social interactions; suddenly this loss is thrust upon them and it will take time for these relationships to be rebuilt.

As we all eagerly await a Government announcement regarding schools, my teachers continue to provide online learning for our pupils. Your constructive feedback has been welcome and we discuss and refine this on a weekly basis. The lessons that are planned are designed differently from a usual class-based day and we are endeavouring to strike a balance between accessibility and progression, in the knowledge of the many constraints you may face within your family units. Some parents have requested teacher input via video. However, advice from The National Association of Headteachers is for primary schools not to facilitate online video lessons as there is a risk that this is not a secure platform for both pupils and teachers and therefore could pose a safeguarding risk. Moreover, with online videos, it is impossible that the class based teacher-pupil relationship is replicated by video. Others have requested paper based activities; this is something we can facilitate.

If you are having a clear out, we would welcome and be most grateful for any good condition dolls, dolls' clothes, dolls' prams, farm animals, dinosaurs, small world figures, cars and farm sets. Please email head@tregony.cornwall.sch.uk if you can help and I will arrange a collection. Thank you!

Please can I remind you that, should you have any safeguarding worries or concerns, or you are in need of support in other ways, additional to education, I am contactable by email on head@tregony.cornwall.sch.uk. I sincerely hope that you and your families are safe and well and, despite the lack of freedom, finding some positives to this awful situation. As a staff, we miss the daily interactions with our school community immensely and all look forward to returning to a 'new normal'. Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards

Kate Douglass

Below are some more links that you may find useful during this time:

Teach your monster to read is a great app that covers everything from letters and sounds to reading full sentences. A great resource for Reception – Year 1/2 pupils.

https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/?fbclid=IwAR0XPTA_Hs5mit5lo-np0EwC2irpjl9ONMmNvP77tDbFC-pWksQW88qm-1g

Below is a link to a great website full of speech and language, ADHD, autism, dyslexia etc. activities for you, if you would like to do them with your child.

<https://chatterpack.net/.../list-of-free-speech-language-comm...>

<https://www.gov.uk/.../coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-ed...>

Hardship Fund

Tregony Parish Council Stop Gap Food Box Service for Tregony Parishioners only

How many people live at your property?

During this process no details will be retained. The order will be phoned to the shop and the shop will be paid. The staff within the shop and the delivery driver will not know the package has been paid under this scheme.

This is totally confidential.

The boxes are not designed to enhance any benefit or pension schemes currently in place.

The items in the box have been selected to provide enough nutrition for both adults and children. If anyone has an allergy or dietary needs, this will need to be mentioned on the initial phone call and may require an additional conversation after the volunteer has sought advice.