Friday 4th September

## Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot begin to describe how happy we all are to be back! The heartbeat of the school is restored and alive with the sounds of pupils once more. I can honestly say that it is hard to believe that many of our pupils have been away from school for six months. I always believed that they would adapt to the new routines quickly and I am pleased to say that they have. Sometimes, we can underestimate how resilient our children are. Our school is used to an open door policy and not allowing parents in the building was concerning. However, I can report that there have been very few tears and well-settled children, perhaps even more so than usual. It has been lovely to see the children rebuilding their friendships and getting to know their teachers and new classes. We have also warmly welcomed our eleven new reception children and ten other new pupils and their families to our school community. I apologise that we have not had the opportunity, due to Covid restrictions, to get to know you and your children prior to the new school year, but I think I have introduced myself to most of you this week!

We are constantly reviewing our risk assessment to ensure that we are able to operate efficiently and as safely as we can. Whilst we have clear plans and procedures in place, of course, there will be glitches and things that we may need to adapt and change but we will deal with these as and when they arise and in a swift manner. With this in mind, whilst the one-way system is working well, lots of children are running through the middle of the carpark and not using the pavements. This is a serious hazard as there are lots of vehicles arriving and leaving the school. Children and parents must use the pavements. We will talk to all pupils about the danger of this on Monday but please can you reinforce this message at home. To help with this, parents who are picking up pupils from Porthcurnick Class at the Children's Centre exit, can wait in the children's Centre playground which will leave the pavement free. The gate for this will be open on Monday.

Please can I ask that all parents/carers fully engage with government guidance (see below and in my return to school letter). We must also remind you that 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. It is important to point out that should your child need to isolate, and they are well enough, there should be active engagement with online learning which will be provided by the school via Google Classroom.

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)
- A test must be carried out (see link below) and the school informed of the outcome

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



We have negotiated with The Roseland Academy to accept payments for school meals via bank transfer. There is however, a minimum amount of £20.00 for each transaction. Please follow the below instructions to do this.

- 1. Inform Debbie Kirby, our school secretary, of what you are paying for, the amount you have paid and the name of your child. <a href="mailto:dkirby@tregony.cornwall.sch.uk">dkirby@tregony.cornwall.sch.uk</a>
- 2. When transferring, please use the reference: 'TCP' (Tregony Community Primary), leave your surname and quote 'DM' (dinner money).

Bank sort code: 30-80-37
Account number: 60705360

This would be a far easier and safer way for all. We can, however, still accept cash payments. These should be sent to school with your child in a named envelope, with the amount of money and what it is you are paying for written on the front. Your child should then give this to the class teacher.

Mrs Kirby will be placing a uniform order on Friday next week. To order this, please download the order form (on the school website in the uniform section) and return it, with the money, by Thursday 10th September.

Thank you for support with all the new procedures and I apolgise for the considerable amount of updates and amendments. I hope you all have a great weekend and your children are raring to return to school on Monday for their first full week back!

Kate Douglass

Headteacher.



For your information, the majority of letters will be sent via email so please check your inbox frequently! Thank you.

- 2nd September: Email with what to do if your child is showing symptoms of Covid and a copy of our curriculum, pastoral and routines plan.
- Friday 4th September Class Letters emailed out.



This will start next week.





- 14th September: Music Tuition starts this week
- Monday 28th September: School Photos
- INSET DAYS: 22nd and 23rd October
- Monday 26th Friday 30th: Half Term
- Monday 2nd: School Closed
- Tuesday 24th November: Nasal Flu Vaccination

Finally, don't forget to check our website for school related information. Each class has a page and a blog so you can see what your child is learning at school. You can also add us on Facebook to keep up-to-date with news, reminders and photos.



Megan Keast for an enthusiasm and love of reading. For telling me all about what she had learned so far this week and the learning attitudes she has demonstrated to help her learn.



This will start from next week.

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Summers:

Porthcurnick:

Portholland:

Porthluney:

P.E:



This will start next week.



For the health and safety of pupils, please can we ask that you reverse into spaces in the carpark. If the car park is full, please park at the social club.

Please can we have any reading books that you may have at home from last year - we are very short of them!

Please can you ensure that your child has a named water bottle to bring with them each day.

