

Wednesday 18th March 2020

Dear parents and carers

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Update 5

PARTIAL SCHOOL CLOSURE THIS WEEK

Following the government's latest updates regarding the Coronavirus, many families are now choosing social distancing and self-isolation because they have family members who either have symptoms of the virus or due to the need, quite rightly, to protect their vulnerable family members. As a result, large sections of our community are unable to come into school and we are unable to operate Tretherras in the usual way.

In order to safeguard our community we need to partially close the school over the next couple of days.

Today, Wednesday 18th March, will be the last day of term for the sixth form. This will enable us to maintain levels of supervision and lessons in Years 7 through to Year 11. Sixth form students are welcome to come into school at lunchtime if they are entitled to free school meals or to use sixth form facilities while the school remains open.

As you know, we have already asked our students to think about how they can be prepared, and how they can continue with their schoolwork and revision. Students can access their work remotely through Class Charts, Teams and Office 365 via the links on our school website, using their usernames and passwords.

- Work and revision will continue to be set for students using Class Charts and Teams which can be accessed through the school's website page and Office 365 as usual
- Teachers will communicate with students and classes through Class Charts and Teams
- Students can save their work to SharePoint on One Drive through Office 365 or Teams and share it directly with their teachers
- Any work or homework set for KS3 students will appear on the Class Charts App, so parents and students can easily see what's there.

As parents and carers, can we please ask you to monitor the work that students are completing and ensure that senior students continue to prepare for their forthcoming exams as it is vitally important that they revise and do not fall behind their peers nationally. The public exams are currently still due to go ahead, and they will be a level playing field for everyone: using this time to prepare and revise is critical.

You are able to access your own Class Charts account using the code that you have previously been issued. If you are unable to access Class Charts or have lost your log in details, please email enquiries@tretherras.net so that we can reissue your code and set you up on the system. If anyone has any problems at all with IT access, then please email ITServices@tretherras.net


The Chief Medical Officers' advice continues to be regularly updated, as this remains a changing and dynamic situation. If you have any concerns regarding the Coronavirus, please refer to the government guidance, which can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

We will continue to use our school website, email and social media accounts to keep in touch with you during this unprecedented time. You will be able to communicate with staff using the usual email contact addresses and through enquiries@tretherras.net

I would like to thank you for your continued support and send you and your families every good wish during this challenging time for us all. I will issue another update on Friday 20th March with information for next week.

Please be aware that the whole school will close early for Easter on Wednesday 25th March, 2020 at 3pm.

Yours sincerely,



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