

Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear parents and carers

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Update 6

Following the government's announcement yesterday evening, Newquay Tretherras is closed to all students until further notice from tomorrow, Friday 20th March 2020, and there will be no public examinations this summer. We realise this news has come as a great shock, especially for our Year 11 and 13 students, who have been working so hard to prepare for their exams. We have spoken to our students to tell them how proud we are of them and what fantastic role models they have been for our younger students during these challenging past few weeks. We will ensure that we celebrate their successes fully when we have the opportunity to do so, probably in the autumn term. I will let you know when I have any information regarding how examination grades and university places will be awarded.

We are always here to support our young people and safeguarding measures are already in place for us to keep in touch with particular students by our pastoral teams in the weeks and months to come.

As you know, we have already prepared our students for working independently and they 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.

NEW 'HUB' ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Next week, we will be opening as a Newquay Hub for Cornwall Education Learning Trust schools, both Tretherras and Newquay Junior Academy, for children in care or with an EHCP and those who need additional support, those who are entitled to free school meals and the children of 'Key Workers' (NHS workers, school staff, delivery drivers etc).

You will receive an email today which will enable you to book your child or children into school next week if you need childcare support. We are extending our opening times from 8am to 6pm every school day and you will be able to book your child or children into a normal day session or an extended after-school club session. As we have to safeguard the children, only full or extended days are available; not part-time days. However, you may choose to book your child or children in for specific days according to your work pattern next week. It is vitally important that you let us know which children will be coming into school so that we can ensure adequate levels of staffing supervision, food and resources.

To use the booking system, please use the link in the email you will receive this afternoon, or the link on the news page of the school website, or by clicking the link on our Facebook page. We will provide breakfast, lunch, break and after-school refreshments for children attending the Hub.

The Hub will be open to our community throughout the Easter holiday and for as long as this pandemic continues. Newquay Junior parents and carers will be contacted separately by letter today.

We will continue to use our school website, email and social media accounts to keep in touch with you. 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 ongoing support – our fantastic staff at Tretherras really appreciate it.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Headteacher

