

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your patience during this difficult transition time. We are really looking forward to welcoming your child to Tretherras in September, and please be assured that we will do everything we can at the start of term to settle any nerves that they may have.

We are currently busy planning for the return of all our students in September and feel there are some key messages and information that you would appreciate knowing now to help you to prepare for the transition to our 'new normal.'

### Key Messages

- Safety will be our number one priority and students will work within a year group bubble.
- There will be less movement around school and students will learn, where possible in rooms allocated to their year group. Teachers will move between classes.
- Students will still have access to specialist rooms where required, although practical work may be reduced or altered in line with the latest guidance.
- Physical activity will still be encouraged, and PE and Games lessons will continue as timetabled.
- A message from the PE department:

*"On the days where your son/daughter has a timetabled PE/Games lesson, students will be asked to come into school in their PE kit. This will alleviate the need to use the changing rooms and ensures that students are physically active for as long as possible, something, which we are sure you will agree, is extremely important. Students will need to ensure that they arrive at school appropriately dressed and we ask they only wear the kit now outlined; we would encourage all students to ensure that they have a waterproof jacket, as they will be in their kit all day and where possible and appropriate, lessons will take place outside. Students should wear NTSport kit: a hoodie/rugby shirt, blue or plain white t-shirt and black shorts/skirt, which are of an appropriate length (knee length or just above) and/or full-length plain leggings or tracksuit bottoms which are either navy or black. Where students do not possess an NTSport hoodie or rugby shirt, they will be allowed to wear a plain navy, black or grey hoodie'.*

The NTSport team are really looking forward to welcoming students back to school and getting them as active as possible.

### Key Information

- School buses will operate as normal and face coverings must be worn. We will supervise student's arrival and departure to and from school and will provide hand sanitiser. We will obviously respond to any further guidance.
- There is a one-way system in operation around the school
- Hand sanitiser and sterilising wipes for equipment and computers is available in all rooms and must be used, alongside frequent hand-washing.
- We request that **ALL** students bring an outside coat as students will be encouraged to be outside at break and lunchtime
- There will be a staggered approach to break and lunchtime with only one year in a hall at any one time, and students will only be allowed in allocated (year) social areas.

- We will continue to expect the same high standards of appearance and uniform as normally apply.
- In September all students and parents will be required to sign a Home School Agreement which will include Covid specific safety details alongside expectations of behaviour.
- It will be helpful for all students to come fully equipped for the day as students cannot share equipment i.e. Pencil case with usual equipment and if possible, glue and scissors.

#### **Year 6 into Year 7 – Head of Year, Miss C Barber**

- Students will arrive and depart from school at the normal time, 8.35am until 3pm
- The Year 7 'bubble' will be based in the Main building and Hex areas
- **Students will enter via the Art Block entrance. This is to the right of the main entrance to the main building. On the first day, there will be people around the school site directing students to the correct entrance.**
- The social area that Year 7s will be able to access is the area by the side of the Art block, as well as the 'Eden' area when dry. If it is wet, students will be able to use their form rooms.
- Break and lunch times will be staggered, and students will collect food from the canteen and then exit to their social area
- Year 7 will have an induction day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. They will have a day to familiarise themselves with the school, with no other students present. They will spend time with their form tutor, have a tour of school, have their photos taken, receive their PE kit, and will also do an Accelerated Reader test.

#### **Year 7 into Year 8 – Head of Year, Mr G Carter**

It is with great pleasure that I take over this year group from Miss Barber. I am looking forward to welcoming your child safely back into Tretherras in September. Below I will set out the basic arrangements. Information regarding which form room students will be allocated, will be displayed in school, for them in September.

- Students' first day will be Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- Students will arrive and depart from school at the normal time, 8.35am until 3pm
- The Year 8 bubble will be based largely on the top floor in the humanities corridor (R rooms). Some rooms will be used downstairs in the science corridor.
- **Students will enter via the Hex/DT entrances of the main building and proceed down the corridor to the humanities stairs (or for just 3 form groups the science corridor). This is the only year group to use this entrance.**
- Weather permitting the social area that Year 8's will be able to access is the Hex playground by the side of the Hex/Drama building. If wet, students will use their form rooms in the humanities/science corridor.
- Break and lunch times will be staggered, and students will collect food from the canteen and then exit to their social area

#### **Year 8 into Year 9 – Head of Year, Miss J Hurley**

- Students' first day will be Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- Students will arrive and depart from school at the normal time, 8.35am until 3pm
- The Year 9 bubble will be based in the MFL corridor of the main building and part of the Science corridor.
- **Students will enter via the Piazza leading into the MFL corridor and go directly to their rooms.**

- There are two social areas outside that Year 9's will be able to access. These are in-between the library and the main reception when dry and if wet students will be able to use their form rooms.
- Break and lunch times will be staggered, and students will collect food from the canteen and then exit to their social area

#### **Year 9 into Year 10 – Mrs L Schiavo-Tench**

- Students' first day will be Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- Students will arrive and depart from school at the normal time, 8.35am until 3pm
- The Year 10 bubble will be based on the top floor of the Quay building
- **Students will enter via the side entrances of the Quay building and go directly up the stairs**
- The social area that Year 10s will be able to access is the Piazza area by the side of the Quay building when dry and if wet students will use the top floor of the Quay building
- Break and lunch times will be staggered, and students will collect food from the canteen and then exit to their social area

#### **Year 10 into Year 11 – Ms S Ollerenshaw**

- Students' first day will be Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- Students will arrive and depart from school at the normal time, 8.35am until 3pm
- The Year 11 bubble will be based on the ground floor of the Quay building
- **Students will enter via the main entrance to the Quay building and follow the one way system to reach the form rooms.**
- All form rooms will be the same as before. The only differences are that Mr Butterworth is taking over from Mrs Butterworth and Mr Russell is taking over from Mrs Langdon.
- The social area that Year 11s will be able to access is the tennis courts by the side of the Quay building when dry and if wet students will use the ground floor of the Quay building
- Break and lunch times will be staggered, and students will collect food from the canteen and then exit to their social area

Whilst the above is not a completely comprehensive list I hope that it will give you some idea of how school life at Tretherras will resume in September. We will, of course send out further information as we get nearer to the time and would ask that you continue to check our website for announcements. If you have any concerns regarding the above or are in need of support with uniform or equipment, please feel free to email at [enquiries@tretherras.net](mailto:enquiries@tretherras.net) marking it for the attention of the individual Head of Year.

I hope you have a safe and happy summer

Yours sincerely

**Years 7 → Year 11 Heads of Year**