

Friday 12th February 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers

As the half term break is finally with us, I am writing to thank you for your support over the past six weeks since we returned to lockdown life, remote learning and Hub working after Christmas.

Tretherras staff are fully aware of the difficulties that you have faced over the last few months. Many of you have had to balance the demands of remote learning with your own work commitments and many of you have more than one child in the house, all with their own unique and particular needs. Many of members of our staff are in exactly the same position and we appreciate just how challenging life has been for everyone this half term.

We have received many messages of support and we would like to thank those of you who have taken the time to write an email or post a positive message on social media. Where there have been issues, I hope that you feel we have done our very best to support you. Please remember that our Administration and IT staff are on hand to help with any computer access issues and that our Heads of Year and pastoral teams are doing their very best to support our children and families, albeit remotely.

Our children have been doing a great job in the ways they have readily adapted to life this term, whether they are working remotely or are coming into our hubs: they have shown great resilience and independence. We are trying to celebrate their achievements and let them know that they are making us feel very proud of them: we hope you feel proud of them too.

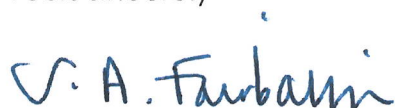
I will be in touch again following the Prime Minister's announcements in the week of 22nd February regarding a 'routemap' for education moving forwards and we are hoping for clarity around the arrangements for this summer's public examinations following the completion of the Ofqual consultation.

In the meantime, thank you for your great efforts with persevering with remote learning and for your fantastic support for our staff; it is very much appreciated.

I hope these strong winds soon disappear and that you are able to enjoy the half term week ahead; aren't we blessed to live where we do!

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely



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Message from Service Director



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The number of infections is reducing in Cornwall because we have seen our residents respecting the social restrictions in place during the third lockdown. Thanks to this, we have slowed the spread of the virus through our communities, and for that we are thankful.

However, as the surge in cases in late December and January showed, if Cornwall lets our guard down infection rates can spiral quickly, and we could soon find ourselves back where we started.

Therefore, we are asking all residents, especially parents and carers to continue to respect the lockdown rules, especially during half term. We know this is a challenge, especially for those parents and carers who are home schooling and we understand the temptation to relax while the pressure of teaching is not there for a week.

However, we have done so well since January and we simply can't afford to throw all of that hard work away. We are asking those who are on a half term break to avoid travelling distances in the car and "explore from your door" instead.

Best wishes

Kate Evan-Hughes
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