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Tuesday 7th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Advice - warn and inform

Following the conclusion of our return-to-school testing programme, we wish to inform you there have been a small number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 identified within the school community. Our school remains fully open, and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

We know that you may find this news concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and to provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most children, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

We would like to thank all of our staff and students for engaging so positively in the testing programme and we encourage everyone to continue testing themselves at home using the test kits we provide; especially as asymptomatic cases have been identified in this way. We will continue to ensure that students with confirmed cases of COVID-19 do not attend school until the end of their self-isolation period. **Please report all positive test results to us** as previously and follow-up a positive result with a confirmatory PCR test. Following the changes to the guidance on 19th July 2021, contact tracing within school settings will no longer continue and you may be contacted by Test and Trace.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 at any time, however mild, please isolate as a household and book a test for the person with symptoms (even if they have already taken a test). Symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- A new, continuous cough, and/or
- A temperature, and/or
- A loss of, or change to, sense of taste and/or smell.

You can book a test through <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

If the test is negative, your child can return to school once they are well and have been fever free (without the support of paracetamol or Calpol) for at least 24 hours.

If the test is positive, **only unvaccinated members of your household over the age of 18 years must self-isolate for 10 days** from the date symptoms started. If other household members become unwell, they need to extend their isolation period as shown in the attached information.

Those who are clinically extremely vulnerable should be supported to minimise their contact with other people in the household during this period, regardless of whether others have symptoms or not.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111. For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

Working from Home

If your son or daughter tests positive, they can access their lessons remotely following their timetable:

- For best functionality use the Microsoft Teams app for your home computer/laptop/tablet or smartphone. Alternatively, type office.tretherras.net in your web browser, log in using the details below and select the Teams app in Office 365.
- Username = your school email address, which begins with your school username: username@students.tretherras.net Password = your school account password.
- Once you have logged in to Teams you will see coloured icons next to each class name. If these do not appear on your screen press 'Teams'. The class name begins with 2021, followed by the Teaching Group/Option/Population and then the Subject code e.g., 2021-7K-G (7K Geography), 2021-11Y4-E (11Y4 English).
- Click on the class you have next, then wait for the lesson to commence.
- When the teacher starts the lesson, you will see a 'join now' button/alert which you must press to be connected to the remote lesson.
- Try to be punctual, however, you can still join a lesson even if you are late.
- If you are experiencing technical difficulties try leaving and rejoining the class.
- Unfortunately, your teacher cannot solve your technological hitches. Please contact IT support if necessary; itservices@tretherras.net

Vaccination

Parents and carers are asked by Public Health to consider taking up the offer of protection with two doses of the covid vaccine. You can book through the NHS portal

[Book or manage your coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If you have any concerns about the vaccine then please find links to the NHS Kernow website which has some Frequently Asked Questions to help you.

[COVID-19 vaccine - Frequently asked questions - NHS Kernow CCG - NHS Kernow CCG](https://www.nhs.uk)

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19.

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- Keep indoor spaces as well ventilated as possible – let the fresh air in, even if for a short period a day
- Participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over). We encourage you to log your results here: <https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results>

Further Information

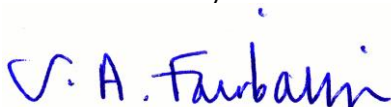
Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

COVID-19 continues to circulate within our community, which is why Cornwall has been designated an Enhanced Response Area by central government. Current measures in place (including face masks worn by staff and students in communal areas) will be reviewed two weeks after the start of term by Public Health and I will continue to keep you updated.

We are working collaboratively with Public Health, the Department for Education and Cornwall Council to support a safe and successful return to school.

If you have any questions or require any advice or support, please contact us at school in the usual way. We are here to help.

Yours sincerely



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