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Dear Parents and Carers

What an excellent, if unusual, start to term. The students have been exceptional as they have tested and attended online lessons. Their sense of maturity and patience as we have worked through testing each year group is to be commended. Thank you for all your support in ensuring such a smooth start.

We are delighted to have the whole school back in action next week – nothing beats teaching the children from where they belong, here with us, in school.

### **How will my child learn if they have to isolate?**

Whilst we're hopeful COVID cases will stay low at NT, should your child need to isolate for 7 – 10 days, and *provided they are well enough*, we will ensure their education continues.

This will happen in one of two ways:

- They may be invited into a **Microsoft Teams lesson** for part, or all, of the lesson
- Work may be set on **ClassCharts** for them to access independently and uploaded for feedback

### **How will my child know which option to follow?**

- **Every lesson, your child should have Teams open, and be in their class on Teams ready to join a Teams lesson**, following their timetable.
- If, after 15 minutes into the lesson, the Teams lesson does not run, your child should look at the work set on ClassCharts

We are sure you will appreciate that it is not always possible, nor appropriate, for students to join every lesson via Teams, but teachers will invite them into the lesson if they deem it necessary and work will always be set. Upon your child's return, teachers will spend time ensuring that they've understood all that has been covered.

### **What happens if there is a year group bubble closure or school closure?**

- Should we have to shut all, or part of, the school due to staff absence, your child will continue to learn online, from home, using Teams (details of how to do this have already been sent and can be found on our website)
- In this scenario, the aim will be to deliver online lessons for all of their timetable, using Teams, every lesson, every day
- Should staff be too ill to deliver in this way, as above, your child should log into Teams to see if there is a lesson, and if the lesson does not start after 15 minutes, access ClassCharts for the work

Finally, a quick word on attendance. We understand the ever-changing landscape of government information can be confusing, so we'd like to take the opportunity to share the latest government guidance on attendance, which we must follow:

### **Attendance expectations 2022**

School attendance is mandatory. The usual rules on attendance continue to apply, including:

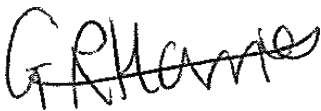
- Parents' duty to ensure that their child of compulsory school age attends regularly at the school where the child is a registered pupil
- The schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- The school's ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, in line with Cornwall Council's codes of conduct
- The duty on local authorities to put in place arrangements for identifying, and to follow up with, children missing education.

Please be assured that we will continue to offer substantial support to all our students in these difficult times and please contact your child's Form Tutor or Head of Year if you have any queries regarding attendance.

We hope this goes some way to reassuring you of the steps we are taking to ensure that your child will continue to make progress, be engaged and will be kept motivated, no matter what this term throws at us!

Thank you, for all your support and Happy New Year to you all.

Yours sincerely



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