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An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are currently in the process of assessing the risks of pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 returning to school. There is much debate happening between the teachers' unions and the government and therefore the final go ahead will not be given by the government until the 28th of May. There are many factors that the unions are asking to be addressed before staff and your children are allowed to come back to school. We know, from communicating with many of you, that you have concerns about the return. Although eligible children are able to attend school, families will not be fined for non-attendance and our school will not be held to account for attendance levels.

In order to prepare for reopening the school safely for all eligible pupils **the whole school will be closed on Monday 1st of June**. This day will enable all zones to be deep cleaned and for all staff to be fully aware of strategies and procedures that will need to be adhered to.

- Our regular group of child care pupils will be able to be in school from **Tuesday 2nd of June**.
- Pupils in Reception and Year 1 will return on **Tuesday 2nd of June**.
- Pupils in Year 6 will return on **Thursday 4th of June**.

As part of our risk management we are putting measures in place that will reduce the risk of cross contamination and infection. These measures mean that school will be different for those children returning but we will try our absolute hardest to maintain a happy and relaxed environment. The last thing we want is to risk your child's emotional wellbeing and confidence through military social distancing measures.

Some of the strategies being put in place are:

- Pupils would be in family groups of no more than 15 and the group will have the same members of staff with them throughout June.
- Groups will have an allocated indoor and outdoor space to reduce interaction with other groups.
- Drop off and pick up times will be staggered to enable social distancing for adults.
- Groups will eat their lunches together in their spaces.
- FSM pupils and Reception and Year 1 pupils are eligible for a free school lunch but all children can bring in their own packed lunch to reduce cross contamination.
- The school day will end at around 2pm to enable staff to continue to make phone calls and monitor pupils who are not able to attend school.
- Learning in school will consist of social and emotional development and time to complete the same home learning packs that are given to those who are unable to attend school in order to make it fair for all.
- Thorough cleaning of the school will take place throughout the day and deep cleaning will happen at the end of each day.

In order to help us plan for the event, could parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 inform the office if their child is able to attend school during June based upon the government guidelines below and our endeavours to ensure pupils and staff are at a reduced risk?

More information on the measures being put in place will be sent to reception, Year 1 and Year 6 parents next week.

<http://www.marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk/website>



Key Worker Families and Vulnerable Pupils

Child care provision would still remain in place from the 2nd of June for children in Years 2, 3 and 4. This provision would be available from 8.30am until 3.30pm.

Half term

Next week is officially half term and as the staff at Marlborough have not stopped since the government announcement on the 20th of March they are having a week off from home learning, which means your children can too! (Staff will still be in providing child care.)

We have been blown away by your home learning; the creativity, dedication and resourcefulness is astounding. Please follow the link to the sharing platforms on our website:

http://www.marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk/website/home_learning_during_school_closure/476058

Online Safety and TikTok

It has come to our attention that many of our pupils are using TikTok to make short videos. The app can be a really fun way of making videos but children will be able to access swearing and sexualised content. Also, if your children are using TikTok you need to monitor their followers and ensure they keep their videos private as both of these factors pose massive safeguarding risks. If children are sharing photos or videos via WhatsApp those photos then become the property of the recipient and they can share them freely.

Common sense media advice is:

[What age is TikTok recommended for?](#)

Common Sense recommends the app for age 15+ mainly due to the privacy issues and mature content. TikTok requires that users be at least 13 years old to use the app. Anyone under the age of 18 must have approval of a parent or guardian -- but there are plenty of young tween users. If your younger kid or tween wants to use the app, the account should belong to an adult who can monitor what younger users are browsing and sharing. There's also the section of the app mentioned above that's meant for kids under 13 that restricts access to mature content and comments, but since entering a false birthdate is easy, it's still best for older teens.

[How can you make your TikTok account private?](#)

To make your TikTok account private, go to your profile page and select the three-dot icon in the top-right corner. Select Privacy and Safety. There, toggle the switch for "Private Account." You can also select who can send you comments and direct messages, and who can do a duet with you. Using the "Friends" setting or turning those features off completely limits contact with strangers.

Reporting Online Abuse

If you or your child encounter abuse online there is an online tool to report directly to the police. Please log onto <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/> which is part of the Child Exploitation and Online Protection resource. If you keep the resource on your desk top then it can always be used if needed.

Free School Meals

Many families are sadly reaching crisis point financially due to Covid-19. If your circumstances have changed you may be eligible for Free School Meals. Please follow the link on the Cornwall.gov website to apply:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

On Mondays the kitchen team make and are able to deliver hampers of food for those children eligible for means based Free School Meals. This does not apply to the Universal Free School Meals offer that is usually provided for all EYFS and KS1 children. If any of our families are having difficulty accessing food during this time please contact the office.

<http://www.marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk/website>



Safeguarding

The current arrangements mean that children can become very vulnerable. If you need any help or support with managing the safety of your own children or you have concerns about other families please continue to talk to us. The school phone number is **01326 314636**.

You can contact the Multi Agency Referral Unit on **0300 1231 116**.

Wellbeing

Cornwall Council have produced materials to support families emotional wellbeing. Please follow the link to find resources and contacts to support you and your children. <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/coronavirus-advice-for-children-and-families/emotional-resilience-and-mental-health/emotional-resilience-for-parents-and-carers/>

There is also a web link to Your Way, providing resources to support young people: <https://your-way.org.uk/>

We have added a link to Childline Toolbox to our website which provides calming ideas and tools to support conversations around anxieties.

https://marlborough.eschools.co.uk/website/childline_toolbox/481007

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