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An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the government announcement on Sunday we are currently in the process of assessing the risks of pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 returning to school from the 1st of June. The date has been set provisionally based upon the rate of transmission decreasing and this is being reviewed regularly by the government.

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?

- Eligible children will be strongly encouraged to attend but will not be fined for non-attendance and our school will not be held to account for attendance levels.
- Pupils would be in family groups of no more than 15 and would have the same members of staff with them throughout June.
- Groups would have an allocated classroom and outdoor space to reduce interaction with other groups.
- Drop off and pick up times would be staggered to enable social distancing for adults.
- Lunch time would be on a staggered basis for the younger children and Year 6 pupils will eat packed lunches in their groups.
- Pupils eligible for FSM and Reception and Year 1 pupils would have lunch provided by the school.
- The school day will end at 2pm daily to enable staff to continue to make well being 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 would take place throughout the day and deep cleaning would happen at the end of each day.

Key Worker Families and Vulnerable Pupils

Child care provision would still remain in place from the 1st of June for children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5. This provision would be available from 8.30am until 3.30pm.

Home Learning

You should have all received home learning tasks for this week. If you have not yet received an email please contact the office. We understand that it is very difficult to juggle work, other children, family health and the rest of family life and try to complete the home learning tasks. Class teachers have made it very clear that you should do what you can and do not add to the, already difficult, emotional stress. Class teachers are making sure pupils are covering key skills such as maths, reading and writing and also setting research projects and creative activities.

Please follow the link to the platforms on our website:

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

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:

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



<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.

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**.

Online Safety

Please also be very aware of your child's online activity. When children are spending time online they are more open to peer on peer abuse, children being mean or social pressures. If you have concerns about them accessing inappropriate material please turn on filters and time limits. Make sure you are able to monitor your child's phone chats, gaming conversations and online communications. As always, be hypervigilant to your child's emotional wellbeing. The pressures placed on children to be 'in a chat' and keeping up with others are heightened when we are socially distant and they have a fear of missing out. Their emotional wellbeing is paramount at this difficult time.

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.

Phone Calls

Class teachers are contacting families by phone to ensure children are safe and well. Please can you answer the calls or return the call to the school office on 01326 314636. For safeguarding reasons we need to talk to all of the children. We may contact social care if we are unable to talk to a child.

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/>

Domestic Abuse

If anyone is at risk of, or experiencing, domestic abuse, they are still able to leave and seek refuge. At home shouldn't mean at risk. If you or someone you know is suffering from Domestic Abuse, isolation rules do not apply. Police response and support services remain available. Find support at gov.uk/domestic-abuse or call 999 if you are in immediate danger. #YouAreNotAlone

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

