



An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen, yet again, many changes to the provision that we are offering to our school community. We are working under very difficult circumstances; safely accommodating our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils alongside children who need childcare provision and supporting those still learning at home. It hasn't been easy but after Gavin Williamson's announcement yesterday stating that schools do not need to open to other year groups it looks like this will be the provision up until September as all spaces and adults are already with groups. We feel very sorry for those children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5, who have been waiting for their chance to come back to school and get back to some kind of normal, but in order to maintain the essential measures we have put into place we have to limit the number of children in school. Also, as parents and carers the novelty of home learning may be wearing off but hopefully you are feeling supported by your child's class teacher. The whole school community has been amazing at making sure the emotional wellbeing of families is at the forefront during Covid-19. If there is anything we can do to further support your family during this term please contact the office to talk to a member of staff.

Summer term provision- Key Updates

- We will not be able to increase the number of groups already in school. That means that, sadly, there will be no summer term provision in school for children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- We have had an increase in the number of children needing childcare places for **critical workers** therefore please only book your children into this group when you are working.
- Our current **Year 1** pod is full, however if you have a child in Year 1 and would like them to return to school this term we will need to stagger the days that the children are in, giving everyone the same opportunities. Please email office@marlborough.cornwall if you would like your Year 1 child to spend some time in school this term and we will develop a plan once we know the numbers.
- If you have child in **Reception or Class 6** and would like them to be able to return to school this term please email the office by Friday 12th June.
- In order for us to plan ahead please book any places (Reception, Year 1, Year 6 or critical worker) as soon as possible. We are anticipating an increase in child care needs and therefore recommend booking well in advance. Thanks

Childcare Provision

We are providing childcare provision for key worker families. Due to an increase in demand we now have two childcare provision groups. Mrs Rowe and Mrs Vinnicombe are supporting the Year 2 and 3 pupils in the school hall and Mr Gimenez, Mrs Devine and Miss Street are working with the Year 4 and 5 pupils in the upstairs classrooms. Thank you to the parents of pupils in this group for being patient with the changes that have been necessary. Liam Hoban is supporting physical activity on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This provision now has a maximum capacity of 30 children, therefore **places must be booked in advance as soon as you know your working pattern** as we would have to turn children away if the group is full.

Ready for anything

In order to maintain social distancing guidelines we are asking those children in school to be as independent as possible. This means wearing clothes that they can manage themselves, including shoes. Ideally they can wear all day sun cream. Please can children only bring in their lunch and not any books or toys. As part of our cross contamination safety measures the children will be outside as much as possible. Can you prepare your

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child for all Cornish weathers; sun hat and sun cream when it is hot and rain coat when the summer drizzle kicks back in. Thanks.

Government guidance: What parents and carers need to know about schools and other education settings during the coronavirus outbreak

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Home Learning

Teachers will continue to set home learning tasks on Mondays and will discuss learning with your child on the phone. 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

Lunches

The kitchen is operating with reduced staffing, therefore all pupils are able to bring in a packed lunch. We are able to offer free packed lunches to Reception and Year 1 pupils and those pupils eligible for Free School Meals. Paid lunches can be booked through the school office.

Free School Meals

If your financial 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.

Lunch Monies Owing

Can you please check your ParentPay accounts and pay any monies owing from the spring term.

Online Safety

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.

Roblox Safety

A message from the police:

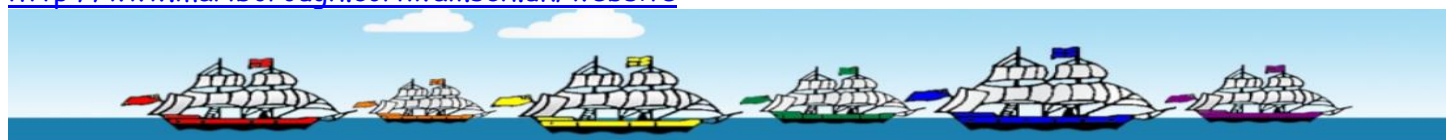
ROBLOX is an online game platform and game creation system that allows users to design their own games and play a wide variety of different games created by other users.

There is an emerging trend for young children who are playing on the ROBLOX app to be contacted by other game players when within a game. These do not have to be confirmed friends, anyone within that game can contact another player.

The children are being threatened that their gaming account will be hacked or similar if they do not provide and share indecent images/videos of themselves. When located and spoken to the parents were unaware of the ability for in game communication with strangers – with this communication being text rather than chat, with no obvious history of these chats to trace once ended.

Recently indecent videos have been located and reported back to D&C by YouTube with first generation footage being uploaded by children as young as 8 years old following these kinds of threats.

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Reporting Online Abuse

If you or your child encounter online abuse 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.

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

Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential

Last week the Year 6s should have been adventuring on the IoW. A letter will be sent out today to parents of the Year 6 pupils regarding repayment of funds for the residential.

Black Lives Matter

Parents have been asking about resources to support conversations at home about combatting racism and supporting the Black Lives Matter movement. Here is a useful link to resources recommended by staff:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>



Suki's amazing portrait of George Floyd.

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Summer Reading Challenge

Please find attached information from the Silly Squad regarding their summer reading challenge.

A message from the RNLI

This summer, our Lifeguards can't be on every beach, meaning a heightened water safety risk to beach goers.

It is anticipated that once restrictions further ease and the summer weather is here, people will head to the beaches and coastline to enjoy the sun, sea and time with friends and family. In a normal year, the RNLI helps thousands of people who end up getting into difficulty in or close to the water when doing these types of activities.

Throughout the summer term, our local team of trained volunteers and Lifeguards do their best to visit as many of the schools, colleges, and youth groups in our region as possible. However, due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak we have not been able to engage with school communities as we normally would.

Below, you will find out ways in which you can help at this time.

- **Download** and use our [education resource pack](#). Educating young people about how to keep safe, in on and around water is fundamental to saving lives at sea and a core part of the RNLI's water safety activity. This term we have put together two downloadable packs of resources focusing on **keeping safe this Summer**. This will help your teams engage young people with essential – and lifesaving – water safety lessons in schools and as part of home school packs.
- **Share** a link to our [Water Safety from Home resources](#) - If you're a parent or teacher looking for ways to engage, educate and entertain your children at home, play our Water Safety Wednesday series – perfect for primary school-aged children.
- Please help by **sharing** the RNLI & MCA's [Beach Safety Campaign](#) with parents, guardians and your wider network. Beach lifeguards cannot be everywhere this summer – although we are hoping to patrol around 70 beaches later this year – it is vital every one of us takes responsibility for our own, and our families', safety.

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