



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may have heard in the news yesterday, the government has decided to formally move to the next stage in their response to the coronavirus pandemic. Known as the 'Delay' stage, this seeks to slow the spread of the virus through a series of special measures.

Individuals are now asked to stay at home for seven days should they experience a **fever** or a **new, continuous cough**. More information about this advice can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

It is worth remembering that if you or your child experience these symptoms, this does not necessarily mean that the coronavirus is to blame. It is also reassuring to note that children and young people appear to be much less vulnerable to the virus than other groups. However, we are asked to err on the side of caution in order to protect the more vulnerable members of our community.

We know that this will cause some challenges for families at home and plan to support you in any way we can. We are also currently working on plans to ensure that children who are staying at home due to this advice are able to access learning activities from school should they be well enough. Our team will also be following this new advice so we may experience staffing shortages at times. When this is the case, we will work carefully to limit disruption to your child's usual provision as much as is possible.

Although schools remain open for the time being, it is also possible that we may be asked to close for a period of time in the coming weeks. At Penpol, we have been giving a great deal of thought towards how we could support our pupils to continue to enjoy engaging learning opportunities in the event of any school closure. As a school which actively embraces the power of technology to connect, this is a challenge we are well placed to meet. We will keep you very much updated if or when any further announcements are made. In the meantime, please do let us know if there have been any changes to your contact details or if your child has forgotten any login details.

Further information about the coronavirus can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

A useful handwashing video for younger children can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjelWLnEg>

As always, if you have any queries or concerns at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch on [secretary@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk), [head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk), 01736753472 or in person.

Many thanks for your support,

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