



Friday 26th June

Dear Parents/Carers,

We were delighted to hear Gavin Williamson announce that **all children are expected to return to school in September**. This really is great news and we cannot wait to welcome all of our wonderful pupils back on site. More details are due in the coming days about how this will work and, critically, how the safety guidance will be adjusted. We look forward to sharing arrangements for the start of term with you as soon as possible.

The government also announced its **catch-up** plans for pupils in England. This seems likely to include additional funding provided direct to schools to support every pupil. This 'catch-up premium' is very warmly welcomed and, we hope, will allow us to provide our pupils with the necessary resources and support needed to overcome many of the varied challenges faced as a result of school closures. Again, we await further details here.

We are very pleased to **welcome Jess Riches** back from maternity leave. Jess has been very much involved in our efforts in recent months and is officially returning next week on a part time basis as a Class Teacher in Year 4 and as Lower Key Stage 2 Phase Lead. It's great to have you back Jess!

Many of you will know **Willoughby King** who has taught instrumental lessons at Penpol for over twenty years. Willoughby will be retiring this summer and we will be very sorry to see him go. I am pleased to say that Mr King will visit us in the autumn term so that we are able to thank him properly for all he has done for so many of our pupils.



During our phased reopening of the school, we have temporarily relaxed our **uniform policy** in order that families can wash children's clothes more frequently. I know that many children are now outgrowing their uniforms and would normally be buying new items at this point. As it is not currently possible for children to try clothes on before they buy them, we have agreed to continue with the current relaxed arrangement until after we have reopened in September. At the start of the autumn term, uniforms will not be compulsory and ties will not be permitted. We then hope to begin selling items again from early in the new term.

We are currently planning a socially distanced outdoor celebration event for our **Year 6 children** and their families which we hope will take place in the week beginning Monday 20th July. We will share more details of this event soon and look forward to congratulating our oldest pupils for all they have achieved in their seven years at Penpol.

Annual school reports for each pupil are nearly ready and we are currently making arrangements for their distribution in the week beginning Monday 13th July. We plan to allocate times during the week where you are able to collect reports directly from class teachers at the front of the school building. Watch this space for more information!

Our deadline for ordering vouchers for families eligible for **free school meals** for the summer holidays is fast approaching. If your circumstances have changed and you feel you may now be eligible for this benefit, please apply in the next few days using the link below.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>.

Finally, this is **Speak Cornish Week** – a great opportunity to explore Cornwall's native tongue with your children. Some useful resources are available here:

<https://www.facebook.com/forCornwall/videos/speak-cornish-week-2020/282941016158460/>.

Wishing you all a restful weekend. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can help in any way.

Best wishes,

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