



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, we are in the process of planning for the reopening to **all pupils in September**. We're all very excited!

Due to our limited indoor spaces and almost 420 pupils, it will not be possible for us to operate isolated 'bubbles' of 30 pupils. Instead, each year group (sixty pupils in two classes) will need to operate as its own bubble. The government's guidance asks that, in this instance, we pay particular attention to all other control measures such as **enhanced cleaning, limiting movement of staff and social distancing where possible**.

We hope to provide fuller details to you by the end of this week but I wanted to share one likely measure with you as soon as possible. **We are likely to operate a shorter day on Wednesdays initially, closing to pupils after lunch** (timing to be confirmed).

- This would allow us to further limit the movement of staff members between bubbles (for example for planning and preparation time cover) which is particularly important with younger children less ready to socially distance.
- This would also allow us to conduct weekly enhanced cleaning in each classroom with an anti-viral 'fogging' solution.
- This would be a temporary measure – we expect that once our other control measures and systems are well embedded and secure later in the term, we would be ready to return to a full-time week.
- Home learning including a virtual assembly and other activities would be provided on the Wednesday afternoon.
- Children would attend school **all day** on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- This measure is not confirmed at this point. We must next finalise our risk assessment and ratify this with our governing body. However, we wanted to bring this to your attention as parents and carers as soon as possible to allow you to make any preparation necessary.
- We have discussed these plans with the local authority.
- We understand that this might not be possible for every child. If you are worried about how this will work for your family, please do get in touch as soon as possible at [head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk) so that we are able to put a provision in place at school where needed.

Many thanks for your patience and support. We understand that this may not be the most straightforward decision but are determined to keep your children as safe as we possibly can.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any queries on the above email address.

Best wishes,

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