



Wednesday 21st October

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 2 Update

Firstly, thank you all for your support and kind words following the temporary closure of our Year 2 bubble. As you know, we were required to ask all pupils and staff from Year 2 to stay at home and self-isolate until 27th October as a precautionary measure. We are enormously grateful to all those affected and have been bowled over by the remote learning that our Year 2 pupils have been engaging with. A huge **well done** is owed to all involved!

Many of you have been sending good wishes to the individual involved and I am delighted to tell you that they are feeling very much better having only experienced mild symptoms. We have also received **questions** about the advice relating to siblings of pupils in Year 2. We have shared these questions with local authority who have provided the following responses:

My child is in the Year 2 bubble and has been asked to isolate. What about siblings and other family members?

Based on the current guidance, it is only the children and staff identified in the Year 2 bubble that are required to stay at home and isolate. This is because it is only these staff and children that have been identified as possibly having contact with the confirmed case within the infectious period.

Siblings of the Year 2 bubble contacts and other family members do not need to isolate as they have not had possible close contact with the confirmed case. At this stage, this means they remain a contact of a contact.

My child is isolating because they are in the Year 2 bubble and they have now developed symptoms. What should I do?

If your child is isolating and has developed at least one of these 3 main symptoms of COVID-19

- A new, continuous cough – coughing a lot for an hour or more or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours*
- A high temperature – feeling hot to touch on the chest or back*
- A change or loss of sense of taste and/or smell*

The whole household should then isolate, and you should arrange for your child to be tested. You can arrange testing by calling 119 or by booking online at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. The household and your child should start isolation (14 days for household members and 10 days for suspected cases from the start of symptoms) at least until the test result is known. If the result of your child is negative, then the household may stop isolating, but your child must see out the 14-day isolation period.

If the result of your child's test is positive, your child must complete 10 days of isolation and the household 14 days.

Please do notify us of any positive result, even if this occurs over half term, at head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk.

Half Term Break

A reminder that school will be closed to all this Friday for an INSET day and next week is half term. **Therefore, tomorrow (Thursday) is our last day at school.** In order to keep our school as safe as possible upon our return, please do be mindful of safe travel arrangements and continue to observe the government's safety guidance at all times.



Roman Day

Well done to all in Year 4 for today's **Roman Day**. You all looked fantastic and there have been some amazing activities going on. Thank you also to parents and carers for your impressive efforts with costumes!

Thank You

As this first half term of the academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank you all for your trust and support. It has been a busy and extremely successful start to the year and your engagement has been greatly appreciated throughout.

Thank you also to our incredible staff team. Working in unfamiliar and often challenging terrain, these of remarkable professionals have been absolutely second to none in providing your children with an outstanding provision.

Finally, **well done** to each of our pupils. In a matter of weeks, each and every child has made incredible progress across the curriculum and we couldn't be prouder.

Best wishes,

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