

Penpol School

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Sunday 3rd January

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year to you all. I hope that you and your children were able to enjoy the Christmas period.

I am writing to you in light of increased media speculation around the reopening of schools this week.

Our biggest priority at Penpol will always be the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, staff and families. Given the recent rise in cases locally and nationally, our school-wide safety measures are currently being reviewed and will be further strengthened wherever possible.

As you may have read, some trade unions representing school staff have advised their members to take specific action around the return to school this week. This is a fast-moving situation and we are working to establish how it will impact our team at Penpol. Tomorrow (Monday) remains an **INSET day** as planned and we expect to reopen to pupils from Tuesday. However, I wanted to let you know at this point that there **may be some disruption** to our provision if we are not able to provide a safe level of staffing. In the event of any disruption, a provision for vulnerable pupils and children of keyworkers would be prioritised.

I am sorry that we cannot be clearer at this point but wanted to provide you with an update so far. I will, of course, be writing again tomorrow.

Thank you all for your continued trust and support. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch on head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Very best wishes,

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