



Friday 19th March 2021

Dear All,

Your children continue to amaze us with their incredible efforts in learning and exploration here at school. Thank you all for your continued support – attendance remains extremely high. Returning to a busy and highly social school environment following a long period at home is a big step for all so it is likely that your child is feeling particularly tired at present. As always, please do get in touch if you or your child need any additional support at all.

At Penpol, we are proud to cater for children with a wide range of learning needs. To support with this, we will have been granted additional funding from the local authority to build a **sensory pod** on site, incorporating sensory equipment and a physiotherapy space. In the meantime, whilst we await the build, we will be installing a sensory tent in our nurture area. We will keep you updated on its progress. We are also very excited to soon be installing a **Mongolian yurt** on the school site. This will provide a new magical and memorable space for learning for all and will beautifully compliment the fantastic outdoor learning already enjoyed across the school.



We have been made aware of a particularly concerning new **app**, Omeagle, which allows unregistered users to connect immediately to 'random strangers'. The safeguarding implications of this are hugely concerning, reminding us all that maintaining close supervision, cautious security settings and an open dialogue with your child about their internet usage are critical at all times. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns or need any further support here.

We are very grateful that so many families have taken up the opportunity to take regular **lateral flow tests**. At this critical time, these tests provide a way of limiting COVID cases in schools and safeguarding your child's education. Many of you have let us know that the test collection centres in Penzance and Camborne are extremely easy to access. Details of these can be found here: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>.

Cornwall Council will be providing vouchers to those families currently in receipt of means-tested **free school meals** during the Easter holidays. These will be provided by the Wonde system and, if eligible, you will receive an email with further details.

Thank you all for wearing masks and keeping distance from others whilst on site at the beginning and end of the day. It is equally important that you **please keep your children close to you** rather than allowing them to play with others and that you **leave the site as soon as possible** to avoid congestion. Thank you all for your support.

Dangerous parking has been an growing concern this week and this places pedestrians at risk. Please do take the time to plan your journey so that, if you need to drive, you can park well away from the school site.

Finally, thank you all for supporting today's Red Nose Day. You have raised a whopping £378.29 so far, all of which will be go directly to supporting those in real need.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

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