



Friday 7th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, **thank you** to the children and families currently self-isolating. We understand that this is a huge challenge, particularly at this stage of the pandemic when it is busy outside and we are so close to changes in the rules. You have all been amazing in accessing remote learning (with some incredible outcomes such as this beautiful artwork). Your actions are hugely appreciated by us all. If there is anything we can do to help at all, please do not hesitate to ask at head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk. We miss you and can't wait to see you back at school soon!



Our **remote learning page** on the website is a great place to go for anyone looking for useful links and resources. You can also watch recent virtual assemblies too. This can all be accessed here: <https://www.penpolschool.co.uk/remote-learning/?playlist=b5ceaa3&video=7d59715>.

I wanted to update you regarding the situation around **COVID-19 cases**. Following the initial positive case reported last Friday, a further six individuals have tested positive in the Year 6 bubble. We have been in daily contact with Public Health Cornwall and they have assured us that this is a very common picture with the Delta variant. They have been fully supportive of each of the measures we have in place and have advised that the swift action taking in identifying close contacts at school has been effective in slowing the transmission amongst the community. Most importantly none of the individuals testing positive are exhibiting major symptoms and we wish them all a very speedy recovery.

The period of self-isolation that has been advised is slightly different for each class:

Class 13 pupils who have not subsequently become symptomatic or tested positive for COVID-19 will be ready to return to school on **Monday 12th July**.

Class 14 pupils who have not subsequently become symptomatic or tested positive for COVID-19 will be ready to return to school on **Tuesday 13th July**.

If you are unsure of any of the above or would like further advice, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Many thanks.



For those of us lucky enough to be at school, it's another busy week. To find out more of what we've been up to, please do head over to the website: <https://www.penpolschool.co.uk/>.

Finally, as you will know, the **COVID guidance for schools** is changing. We are in the process of working through this and planning for the new term accordingly. Happily, we will be able to hold face-to-face **assemblies**, organise **lunchtimes** more freely and avoid the need for staggered **start and finish times**. We will provide more clarity around this ahead of the end of term, ready for September.

Given that we are currently experiencing a high number of cases in the local community, our current COVID safety systems, including the use of masks for parents and guardians on site, will continue until the end of term. Many thanks for your support here.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Best wishes,

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