



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you and your children have been able to enjoy a wonderful summer break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming pupils back next **Tuesday 7th September** for the start of an exciting new school year.

Owing to the relatively high number of COVID-19 cases in the region at present, Cornwall has been designated an **Enhanced Response Area**. Our local Public Health team has requested that schools take some additional but proportionate steps in order to reduce the spread of coronavirus when we return to school.

At Penpol, the following additional measures will apply when we return next week:

- School staff will be wearing masks in communal areas. They will not be wearing masks when teaching or working directly with children.
- We are asking all parents and guardians to continue wearing a mask whilst on the school site please, unless you are exempt or your child has particular needs which may be adversely impacted.
- We will continue to use one-way systems for drop-off and collection for the time being. If your child is starting school this term, please enter by the main pedestrian gate. Drop off times are now between 8:45am and 9:00am. Pick-up times are from 3:00pm to 3:15pm.
- We will be reducing the mixing of children from different year groups throughout the day where reasonably practicable.

Each of these measures will be reviewed regularly, with renewed advice expected from the Public Health team in two weeks' time.

We should all continue to help in the following ways:

- All adults are asked to please test regularly with lateral flow tests, available here: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>
- We encourage all adults to become fully vaccinated where they are not already.
- If any member of your household shows potential symptoms of COVID-19, they must isolate immediately and arrange a PCR test. More information is available here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>
- Please continue to engage with and follow the advice of the NHS track and Trace team.

Thank you all for your support here. It is important to remember that, although these proportionate measures will be with us in the short term, we are beginning a school year with far fewer restrictions than we have been used to for some time. This presents a great deal more room for **creativity, fun** and **adventure** and we look forward to a truly exciting year ahead.

Back to School Reminders:

If your child has a **school lunch**, please do order this on the Aspens site before we return on Tuesday.

We understand that, with stocks low in many shops, some new **uniform** items may have been hard to find. Please do not worry – close substitutions will be absolutely fine for the time being. You may also wish to have a look at the parent-led Second Hand Uniform Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/890266211561612/>

Breakfast and **After-School Clubs** will be up and running from Tuesday for children in Years 1 to 6. As before, places are limited and we ask that you please log in to **Parent Pay** to book any sessions required for Tuesday by Monday morning at the latest. Reception pupils will be able to access these clubs soon, once Parent Pay logins have been allocated.

I look forward to working closely with you all over the course of the next academic year. As always, if you have any **questions** or if there is anything we can **help** with at all, please do **get in touch** – my email address is below.

Finally, don't forget to check out the Tour of Britain as it zooms through Hayle this Sunday. It looks set to be an inspiring moment for any budding cyclists. More information can be found here:

<https://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stages/stage-one/>



Very Best Wishes,

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