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Dear Parents and Carers,

After a long period of partnership between home and school which has provided a consistent thread of learning for our children, we now need to continue working together to make the transition back to full-time school a positive experience for us all.

The information in this letter is broadly in line with how we started school in September 2020, however, this time the country remains under strict restrictions during our initial few weeks of school, so I ask you to remain safe and cautious in order to ensure we navigate the road to recovery successfully.

All children are expected to return to school on March 8th.

Our aim is to provide a school experience which is as normal as possible for our children, families and staff. There will however be some restrictions and changes to how we operate.

We will re-open school with the following control measures;

- No-one with symptoms of illness will be able to attend school. If the symptoms are consistent with Covid 19 we expect all families to engage with the government's stay at home guidance and the test and trace process which will be managed by the local health protection team. If there is a positive test result in our school community, close contacts will need to isolate for 10 days. This means it is possible a whole "bubble" could be asked to stay at home for 10 days.
- Social distancing is not enforceable in a Primary school so there will be two consistent groups ("bubbles") - Class 1/2 and Class 3/4. This will minimise the number of contacts that a pupil will have each day thus reducing the risk of transmission.
- the school day for Class 1/2 will be from 9.05 - 3.05
- the school day for class 3/4 will be from 8.55 - 3.15
- lunchtimes and break-times will be staggered although there will be some overlap at lunchtimes so groups will have designated areas of the playground and field. There will be rotas to give all children access to all areas during each week.
- Staff will take Covid LFD Tests twice per week.

- Children and staff will continue to clean hands thoroughly at key transitions (at least 6 times each day).
- Classrooms will be ventilated at all times by opening windows.
- Good respiratory hygiene will be practised at all times. (We do not expect children to wear face coverings)
- Staff will wear face coverings where they are not able to maintain a safe distance from other members of staff (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas)
- Enhanced cleaning will continue both during and at the end of each day.
- Social distancing must be practiced by families at drop off and pick up near the school gate.
- Only pupils and staff will be permitted to enter the school without prior appointment.
- All adult visitors must wear face coverings in school.

We aim to return to a full curriculum to all of our children, however, some aspects of our extra-curricular provision may take a little time to re-establish. There will be a number of smaller operational changes in the school week and school day which staff will implement to mitigate risk. We would ask families to support us by making drop off and pick-up as smooth and efficient as possible.

We will maintain the adjustment to uniform policy which has been in place since September. We will expect children to come to school in PE kit on activity days. This will remove the necessity for changing at school. Teachers will let you know when these days are (normally 2 days per week). We will call these "Tracksuit days" and will expect children to attend in PE kit with addition of black joggers or leggings when the weather is cooler. School jumpers and cardigans can be worn over PE T-shirts. Trainers or plimsolls should also be worn on these days.

Communication:

Again, parents will not be able to enter the school building without prior appointment with the relevant member of staff. Our main method of communication to parents will be by email and text message - please ensure that you check your devices on a regular basis and that we have the most up-to-date contact details for you at all times, so you don't miss out on any important information.

Correspondence should come direct to Tracy in the first instance.
secretary@nancledra.cornwall.sch.uk

Attendance:

The Government has stated that all children should return to school on 8th March. Normal attendance rules will apply in schools. All absences should be reported to school by 9.30am.

Arrival and Pickup:

We will be operating a two bubble system with staged start and finish times.

- All children in years 3-6 (KS2) will enter and leave school through the main front door.
- All children in years R, 1 and 2 will enter school through gate to the class 1 play area.
- Pupils in year R and 1 will enter class 1 through the door in their play area.
- Pupils in year 2 will walk to their class along the outside of the building past class 4.
- We expect children to be left at the front (car park) gate to make their own way to their classroom. Parents must observe social distancing at all times when dropping off or picking up at the school gate.
- If you are collecting children from both bubbles we ask that you collect your younger child and then wait in the car until your older child is ready for collection.
- No parking will be available on the school field.
- Children should not be dropped off at school prior to the school doors opening at 8.40am

Newsletter:

We will continue to send the newsletter out to everyone by email. Should you have a problem with your email please view the newsletter on the school website.

Signing-In:

Any adult that needs to visit school (by prior arrangement only) must use the electronic system to sign in. It is important that we have a record of all visitors with contact numbers for the NHS Track and Trace programme.

Information:

The information that we give you will change as we move forward on the Government's "Road map". We will keep you up to date on our weekly newsletters as restrictions change.