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**IMPORTANT**

**As you can imagine, there is a huge amount of preparation to be undertaken to ensure that we are absolutely ready for all our children to return safely to school on March 8th.**

**We have therefore decided that we will dedicate next Friday (March 5th) to preparation.**

**I have spoken personally to all parents of children in school and we will continue to support keyworkers where this is needed.**

**Teachers will be sending Freedom Friday grids out as usual for remote learners - these will include a St Piran’s Day pasty making competition!**

**When will we return?**

Monday March 8th 2021

**Where will children be dropped off?**

Children will be met at the car park and walk down to school with their class teacher/TA.

Parents - please stay in your car until you see your child’s teacher, and then walk your child to the meeting point.

Children will be met at the same drop off area as before lockdown 3.

All adults are to wear face masks in the car park; please return to your car immediately after your child has been safely handed to their teacher/TA. Please adhere to social distancing in the car park.

**Drop off – 8.45 (The carpark will be roped off at this time to ensure safety of children walking to their allotted meeting point).**

**Collect – 3.15 (The carpark will be roped off at this time to ensure safety of children walking to meet their parents).**

**Safety and Hygiene:**

* All staff working in school are offered twice weekly lateral flow testing; this is not compulsory but is very well supported at St Wenn.
* All adults are required to wear face masks in communal areas.
* We continue to insist upon the highest standard of hand hygiene – children and adults wash their hands carefully and regularly at all ‘change’ points through the day.
* Cleaning materials are prominent around the school. All surfaces, handles and areas frequently touched are cleaned regularly.
* We ensure that the school is well ventilated.

**School Lunches:**

Full school lunches will be available for all children on return (we eat in separate Bubbles still, and stagger playtimes). I will be sending a menu out for you to order for week 1 next week.

More information regarding ordering lunches through Parent Pay to follow.

**What to bring:**

* Children should dress warmly – layering their school uniform; if it becomes really cold, extra layers are fine. Children should wear trainers to school to encourage physical activity - many of our activities are outdoors.
* Children should bring a full change of clothing to school (including a change of socks and shoes for all, and spare underpants for Early Years children). This will remain in school until the end of term (unless used, in which case it should be washed and returned as soon as possible). This is important as we spend a lot of time outdoors… and are not put off by inclement weather!
* Children should also bring a labelled water bottle which will go home and be washed/returned daily.

**NOTE:** we will continue to ask that children come to school in their PE kit/appropriate wear for Forest School on their allocated days for these activities. Your child’s teacher will confirm these days on Showbie. Children will not be changing for PE or Forest School in school (apart from ‘All in one’ suits and wellies!).

**Reading books:**

Please encourage children to bring reading books into school when they need to be changed. All books are isolated for over 72 hours before reissuing. Your child’s teacher will allocate a new reading book (after isolation) and will always wash/sanitise their hands before handling any book. Reading records will remain online on Showbie for parents and teachers to complete.

**What not to bring:**

Toys, games … anything other than above.

Please check with your teacher if you are not sure.

**Breakfast Club:**

Breakfast Club will run daily from 8.00am in the village hall as before Lockdown 3. (with children bringing their own food)

**After school clubs**:

After school clubs will begin after the Easter holidays.

**Assessment:**

We will be carrying out full assessments of our children over a 2 week period beginning March 15th. This will be managed in a very gentle manner interspersed with fun activities - we need to know exactly where each of our children is in their learning so that we can direct our planning to have impact as quickly as possible.

Following Assessments, your child’s class teacher and I will have a ‘Pupil Progress meeting’. At these meetings, we discuss the learning and focus areas for Catch Up for each child individually.

From this, teachers identify groups and individual support.

**Parent Evenings**

We have deferred our Parents’ Evenings (which normally take place in March) until early May to enable us to have time to have built a really clear picture to discuss with you about your child’s learning. These are likely to either take place through Showbie or outside – more information to follow when we have a clearer picture ourselves.

If you have any concerns at all, please contact your child’s class teacher (or me) and we will dedicate time to address these immediately. Similarly, if your child’s class teacher has any concerns, they will contact you quickly and personally to talk these through and agree a path to resolution.

**All the staff at St Wenn School would like to send out a cheer to our wonderful children, parents and community for all the support and enthusiasm you have shown throughout these tricky times. We think you are amazing!**

**See you on the 8th!**

**All best wishes,**

**Sally and the team**