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18th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,



As we reach the end of this term, I wanted to write to you to update and inform you of the term so far and in light of the ever changing national picture and release of news, the situation for January.



But first, I wish to extend the sincerest of thanks for the manner in which you have supported the school through what has been and continues to be, one of the most unprecedented and strangest times in education and the world as a whole. You have been amazing and we really do appreciate all that you have adapted to in order to ensure we keep school as safe as possible for children and staff alike.

I also want to openly extend the most sincere thank you to the children and staff of the school. Together, they have been amazing. At a time when so many aspects of life have been negatively affected by Coronavirus, it has been an absolute joy to see children and staff come together, support each other and really enjoy each other's company. At a time when positive and supportive relationships are so important, not solely in terms of learning but moreover in terms of mental health and wellbeing, it has been a privilege to watch children and staff come together and rise to the not insignificant challenge of this pandemic, so ably and collectively.



I sincerely hope you have the best holiday and Christmas as possible. Whilst I know for many, many people it will not be the Christmas we hoped for, by fulfilling our collective responsibility of adapting our celebrations to be as safe and as Covid secure as possible, we are helping not just our own families, but many others to stay safe this season.



At this point, it seems prudent to remind people that the government requires you to contact school by emailing secretary@lewannick.net **if and only if**, your child develops any of the key symptoms of Coronavirus between the end of the school day today and 3.30pm on Sunday 20th December **AND** only if they subsequently **test positive** for Coronavirus. We will be supporting Track and Trace efforts by doing this, **but school only needs to be contacted on the confirmation of a positive test for symptoms that appear before 3.30pm on Sunday 20th December.**

You will no doubt be aware that students at secondary schools and colleges will not be returning in full on the 4th January as they are being asked to establish mass testing to support students returning to school. This **does not** affect primary education and therefore we will be **open to ALL pupils on the 4th January** as anticipated. I will be monitoring the news and information from the Department of Education throughout the holidays and, should this situation change, I will ensure you are kept informed and up to date.



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In January, we will still be in the containment and management phase of this pandemic. We will continue with the same stringent processes for arrival and pick up and hand washing etc as we have up to this point. I ask that in the event of your child being exposed to Coronavirus, displaying symptoms or testing positive after 3.30pm on Sunday 20th December and before 4th January (i.e. during the Christmas holidays), that you follow the isolation guidance and they do not return to school until that period of isolation is completed. By sticking to the guidance and following it effectively, we will together be doing all we can to keep our school Coronavirus safe.

As you are aware, my role significantly changes in January as I take up the role of Acting Executive Head for all the schools in TDAT. In order to ensure that this is managed effectively, staffing has been re-organized to facilitate this. Staffing will be kept under constant review and whilst I will still be at school for at least one day a week, I will be constantly in contact with all three schools and will be available to be at any school where needed.

Initially, in order for me to get to know Callington and the operational organization fully, I will be based at Callington Monday to Wednesday, Boyton Thursday and Lewannick Friday. As stated earlier, this will be constantly reviewed and is kept necessarily flexible in order to meet needs as or if they arise.

To ensure that systems and staffing is fully effective, Mrs. Cook will be able to be out of class where needed on a Wednesday and Thursday and Mrs. Dinnis will cover this time to provide consistency for the children. All work will be planned by Mrs. Cook and she will oversee progress and outcomes. We know the children will enjoy being taught by Mrs. Dinnis and this will be effective for them. Mrs. Dinnis will also have Teaching Assistant support on those days meaning that Otters Class will have at least 2 adults in class on those days. I will also, when appropriate and within safe Coronavirus parameters, utilise wider Academy staff from the other two schools to support if necessary.

We will monitor this closely to ensure its effectiveness. However, I am in no doubt that this will work for the children and provides the most Coronavirus secure method of ensuring staffing at this time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this lengthy letter. I apologise for its length, but not for its transparency in keeping you fully informed as I have always strived to do.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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