

Pensans Post

Spring term 20/03/2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know we are closing Pensans School on Monday 23rd March and Tuesday 24th March to **ALL** children. During this time we will be planning provision for children of Key Workers and Vulnerable Groups who have been identified by the Government.

Please look at the Key Worker information below and email messages@pensans.cornwall.sch.uk to inform us if you are a Key Worker and we will contact you on Monday 23rd March to ask if you need to send your child/children to school.

Key Workers

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. **Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**

Children with at least one parent or carer who are identified as critical workers by the government can send their children to school if required (from government guidance 19/03/20).

Key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.

3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.

4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

Key Workers are:

Health and social care

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.

Key public services

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies.

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

Public safety and national security

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

Vulnerable Groups

Vulnerable Pupils includes

- Children who are supported by social care
- Those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers,
- Disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans.

We will be contacting parents of children in these groups on Monday 23rd March.

Free School Meals

- **If your child is eligible for a free school meal we will contact you on Monday 23rd March**
- ***Children entitled to Free School Meals who are not coming to school for their education will be provided meals for collection only from our school kitchen.***
- ***Parents need to arrange for collection of the meal from the collection point.***

This will begin on Wednesday 25th March. Parents will need to let the school office know each day by 9.00am if they will be collecting a meal from our kitchen. You can do this by phone 01736 363627 or emailing messages@pensans.cornwall.sch.uk

I am very proud of our staff, children and community. We are working together at a time of uncertainty and continuous change. I recognise that this is a very difficult time for all of us and I appreciate the kindness and support of everyone in our school and in the wider community.

We will always communicate with you as quickly and clearly as we can. Children who will not be returning to school will be able to access their learning from home and I am aware that this huge change may have some initial teething problems - I thank you in advance for your patience.

Your children are a credit to you and the team at Pensans is dedicated to their well being and learning. This will not change.

Computer and video games have a Pan-European Game Information (PEGI) rating printed on the front of the case. If your child is at Pensans, any game they play or watch should have a green PEGI. Please be aware that playing games out of their age range is a child protection issue and be aware of what they are playing. Even if your child is only watching an older family member playing a game with a 12, 16 or 18 rating, they still are being exposed to unsuitable material.



We were lucky enough to have some trees donated to us by the Woodland Trust. We had around 50 surplus saplings which we decided to plant out in the community. So last week, some lucky Year 5s spent the morning in the sunshine working really hard and planting the trees on the land of a family near Ashton, overlooking Mounts Bay. We have been invited out next year to see how much they have grown.



Stars of the week



Butterflies	Tommie	Tommie for fabulous reading of cvc words.
Bumblebees	Isabelle G	For always making the right choices.
Orange	Lola	For working hard to improve her reading.
Green	Jake	For working really hard with his reading and great table manners at lunchtime.
Cobalt	Aaliyah	For her amazing help this week. She has shown an amazing amount of support, helpfulness and been an absolute star!
Violet	Freya	For her friendliness and unity this week.
Amber	Corey	For his perseverance and ultimate enthusiasm towards his writing.
	Isabelle	For using your virtues in class and around the school and for producing some super work on water and soil. You were a great example to Cobalt Class.
Turquoise	Team T	For your amazing attitude to everything that you do. You show perseverance, enthusiasm and most of all joyfulness. Thank you!
Indigo	Ashlee & Maya	For her continued dedication to her learning, possibility and perseverance.
Emerald	Bella B	For her kind helpful attitude and her persuasive letter and independent work.

Well done to this week's Mathletes!

Orange - Riley
Green - Elisei



As part of recognising outstanding learning behaviours, we will be celebrating the children who have achieved **BLUE** each week. Well done to everyone who achieved it this week!



Blue:

I produce **outstanding** work.
I have **worked my hardest** and the adults around me recognise that I have made a **great effort**.
I have been a **fantastic friend** to others, helping out when I was needed.
I continue to make all of the **right choices** in my learning and behaviours.
I show **care and consideration** for others and my school.

Class	Well done for achieving blue this week!
Green	Izzy & Alex
Orange	All children
Violet	All children
Amber	Zeke & Jago
Cobalt	All children
Emerald	Thomas & Maisie
Indigo	Casey & Kyle
Turquoise	All children

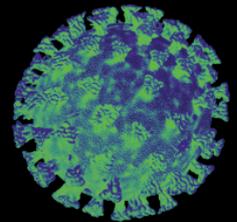


Coronavirus

Isolate your household

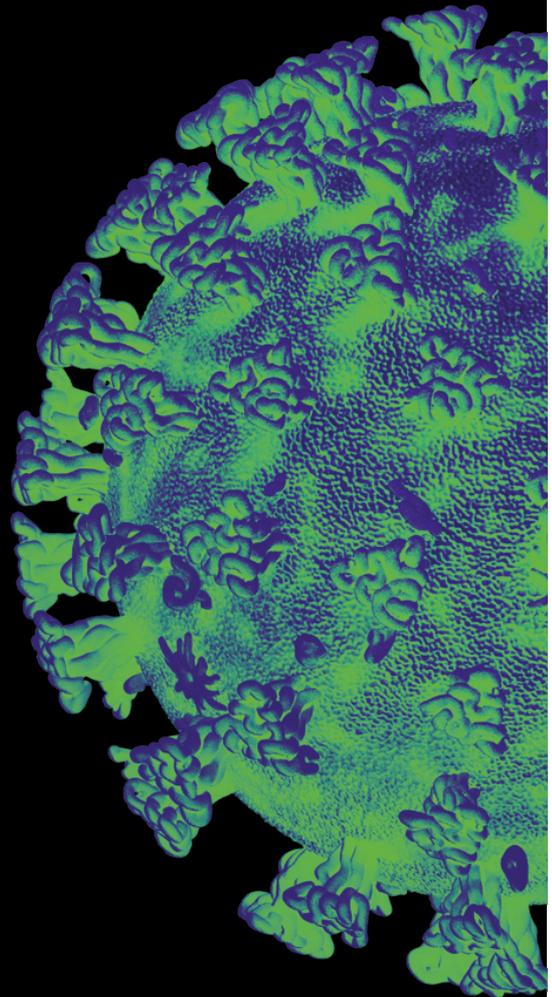
Stay at home

If you or anyone in your household has a high temperature or a new and continuous cough – even if it's mild



- ✔ **Everyone in your household must stay at home** for 14 days and keep away from others.
- ✘ **DO NOT** go to your GP, hospital or pharmacy.
- ✔ **Go to NHS.UK** to check your symptoms and follow the specialist medical advice. Only call NHS 111 if you can't get online or your symptoms worsen.
- ✔ **Protect** older people and those with existing health conditions by avoiding contact.

Find out how to isolate your household at nhs.uk/coronavirus



CORONAVIRUS

**PROTECT
YOURSELF
OTHERS &
THE NHS**