



## Pensans Community Primary School

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**Autumn Term 2020**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be welcoming all children back to the new school year on Monday 7th September. I hope that you have viewed the short films on the school website under the Parent Info tab - these films explain how your child will start the term and some of the changes that we have introduced to keep children, parents and staff safe.

Monday will be a new experience for all of our school community - how we enter and exit the building will be different, our start and finish times for each bubble will be different, our use of the playgrounds and lunchtimes will be different, the physical distance between adults will be different, how children travel around the school will be different... **What remains the same is our passion for creating a safe, nurturing and exciting learning environment for your children.**

The Autumn Term always brings changes and children may be feeling a whole range of emotions which could include excitement, nervousness or elation! Our focus in the first weeks back will be to help your child feel safe, confident and comfortable with the new routines that will be in place.

We will be using our fantastic outside spaces as much as possible for learning, regardless of the weather! So it is really important that your child brings a **named/labelled coat and wellies**. Also please remember to send your child to school with a named drinks bottle containing water.

In my last letter at the end of the summer term there were some errors and I would like to apologise for any confusion; I know that your child's class teacher has given you **the correct information in the films that are on our school website**. Please be assured that staff will be outside at the allocated times to greet the children. Remember to keep your physical distance from other adults at all times, including when leaving the school site.

The School Reception **will not** be open and you will need to use the usual methods of communication:

email - [messages@pensans.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:messages@pensans.cornwall.sch.uk)

phone - 01736 363627

If you for instance need to: meet with myself, another member of staff, visit the office for school ties / permission for medicine administration etc, you will need to make an appointment. Please arrive for your appointment on time at Reception, press the buzzer next to the Reception doors and follow the hygiene protocols that are in place.

Initially the kitchen **will not be providing fruit for tuck** so please send your child to school with fruit - not money! We will find a way of providing this as soon as possible and the payment method will be via ParentPay.

In order to minimise the risk of spreading COVID 19 we have been asked to do the following:

- Ensure that children and adults wash/clean their hands on arrival and frequently throughout the day. We will do this with a combination of soap and water and waterless soap for children, and hand sanitiser will also be available for adults.
- Ensure that tissues are available for children and adults to blow their noses/sneeze into and the tissues are disposed of in lidded bins.
- Clean frequently used areas/resources throughout the day.
- Teach the children in distinct groups which we will call bubbles and ensure that bubbles do not mix with other bubbles.
- Encourage **adults** to maintain a 1 to 2 metre distance from **each other**.

**If your child is showing the symptoms of COVID-19:**

- **Book a test** - click on this link for further information: [book a test](#)
- **Provide details of anyone you or your child has been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace**
- **Self isolate: click on this link for guidance** [self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or if anyone in their household develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- **Keep them at home until you have the result of the test** and **if the result is negative** and they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.
- **If someone tests positive**, they should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

All of the systems and procedures follow current Government Guidelines and if any changes are made to the guidance we will inform you as soon as possible.

**Thank you in advance for helping us to make it work next week. There will be glitches and we will need to be patient, flexible and tolerant with each other - I know you will help us to make Pensans School a safe and exciting school where we can all be back together again.**

Best wishes

Angela Clay