

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**Coronavirus - COVID-19 – Update**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your family continue to be well and are finding your way through to the new normal.

**Schools Opening**

We are in week 7 of lockdown and know the government will be reviewing their approach to Coronavirus in a Cabinet Office meeting today, but we will not be given additional information until the Prime Minister's briefing on Sunday. There is a great deal of speculation around the topic of when and how schools will open. 1<sup>st</sup> June seems a likely date straight after the bank holiday week. Primary children are more immune to the virus so will return first if we are to believe the newspapers. I think we will have to wait until the end of the week to have details confirmed. Once we have more information, we will be reviewing staffing, premises, risk assessments and logistics to plan how we interpret the information provided and what that will mean for Bridge Schools children, staff and parents. We are keen to get back – but this needs to be managed safely.

**Childcare provision for key worker and vulnerable children**

Our staff have made it possible to continue to offer what is now being termed 'Educare' across the Trust for children of key workers and vulnerable children. This provision will continue at our 'hub' schools.

Hubs:

**Looe Primary** the hub school for Trenode, Polperro and Duloe

**Brunel Primary** will be open

**Delaware Primary** the hub school for Gunnislake

**Lanlivery Primary** will be open

**Pelynt Primary** the hub school for Polruan

**St Cleer Primary** the hub school for Darite

**Wadebridge Primary** the hub school for Blisland

Please see contact details below of the Hub Location for your child's school:

**Brunel (Hub) - Tel: 01752 848900 or email [secretary@brunelprimary.co.uk](mailto:secretary@brunelprimary.co.uk)**

**Delaware (Hub) – Tel: 01822 832550 or email [secretary@delawareprimary.co.uk](mailto:secretary@delawareprimary.co.uk)**  
Gunnislake

**Lanlivery (Hub) – Tel: 01208 872662 or email [secretary@lanliveryprimary.co.uk](mailto:secretary@lanliveryprimary.co.uk)**

**Pelynt (Hub) – Tel: 01503 220262 or email [secretary@peylntprimary.co.uk](mailto:secretary@peylntprimary.co.uk)**  
Polruan

**Looe (Hub) – Tel: 01503 262172 or email [secretary@looeprimary.co.uk](mailto:secretary@looeprimary.co.uk)**  
Duloe, Polperro, Trenode

**St Cleer (Hub) – Tel: 01579 342196 or email [secretary@stcleerprimary.co.uk](mailto:secretary@stcleerprimary.co.uk)**  
Darite

**Wadebridge (Hub) – Tel: 01208 814560 or email [secretary@wadebridgeprimary.co.uk](mailto:secretary@wadebridgeprimary.co.uk)**  
Blisland

As before, if your circumstances change and you find yourself requiring childcare, the information about your nearest hub can also be found on your child's school website along with contact details.

### **Trip Refunds**

We will wait until the announcement on Sunday, but unfortunately, it looks likely we will not all be back at school full time before September. We will work with ParentPay to return monies paid out for residentials, trips and extra-curricular activities we will be unable to provide in the summer term. Please bear with us as school admin teams work through the process. Please only contact the schools if you feel you have been refunded an incorrect amount.

### **INSET Day**

As you know, we had a whole Trust INSET Day planned for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June to coincide with the Royal Cornwall Show. We may need to bring that forward to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June to plan for schools returning – I will let you know once we know more.

### **Benefits related Free School Meals**

I am collating feedback about school meals and would be interested to know if you have been able to access the appropriate government scheme. If you have experienced difficulties in accessing your child's entitlement or have found the process simple and effective, either way it would be good to know what is working and what might need amending. Please email or ring your hub school secretary with any feedback.

### **Home Learning**

I hope that you have been able to access the learning staff have put online for your children to continue to access education. For those without access online we can print copies for you to either collect from school or we can post them out to you on request.

Please continue to pace yourselves and the children. Many of you like me, will be juggling work with children at home and still trying to keep everyone buoyant!

We have put together a short survey of the home learning for you to access and give us some feedback. We will continue to review the approach and learn from you in terms of what works well and what is more difficult to complete at home. It can be accessed using the following link: <https://www.bridgeschools.co.uk/home-learning-survey>

I said this in the last communication but would emphasise it again, If there is anything we can do to support you further through the coming weeks, please get in touch either direct to your child's school or use the Bridge Schools Trust email address [enquiries@bridgeschools.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@bridgeschools.co.uk)

Stay positive and stay safe. With all good wishes,

Adrian Massey and everyone at Bridge Schools.