



Welcome Back

I am sure we are all getting a little more used to the restrictions on our lives and spending time in our own houses and with our families. There are some real positives and I am sure that gardens will look good and cupboards are sorted as never before. The weather being good is a positive in many ways, but also means that we cannot make the most of our local area. We would encourage everybody to follow the government guidance and not to drive to take exercise.

Many of our school community work for the NHS, social care or are critical workers in another area and we know that we want everybody to stay safe and well. Following instructions, however hard, is important. Hopefully some sort of normality will return sooner if we do stay at home wherever and whenever possible.

I am finding it hard myself not being at school in person, but I have decided that I should be taking my place on the rota and working from home as advised the rest of the time. Staff know that Mrs Cunningham and I are only a short journey away should the need arise. However, if you need to speak to me at any time, please email me and I will be able to contact you, equally if appropriate I can arrange for a member of staff to call you.

Weekly calls start again this week and if you need to speak to anybody else, please let the teacher know and this can happen. We really do want to support all our families and children from a distance.

Once again I want to thank all our staff who have willingly planned and organised activities over the holidays to support children who need to be in school. We expect these lower numbers to rise again next week, but in the official holidays we were able to give most staff some well-earned time off to replenish their batteries. If you are a key worker please book on line for places over the next six weeks so we can staff and organise as needed. We know things do change so last-minute changes can also be made on school interviews or by emailing head@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk.

Booking children into school

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

Make a booking

Code: **pbkbn**

For some we know that being at home may be causing more difficulties. Both Nic and Susan, our THRIVE/TIS practitioners, are available to support as are all class teachers and class TAs. We can make extra calls.

We are also conscious that maybe resources need topping up and we can arrange for this to happen. We can supply additional books, exercise books, pencils, some work books and stationery should you need any. We have also lent out some chrome books, especially where there are internet issues or several siblings in families. We still have a few available should you need to borrow one as well. Please email me on head@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk and we will arrange for you to sign one out.

If you are concerned about the safeguarding of any child, please contact us. All our staff have been receiving additional training so that we have a level three point of contact at school and both Mrs Cunningham and I are available daily. We have been dealing with more referrals and can make sure support is targeted where it is needed during these difficult times.

Pre-School

With the temporary closure of preschool we are looking to change our age range to 3-11 so that children of key workers can join their siblings on our site. Watch this space...

Learning

Google classroom activities will be set this week and teachers interacting are with children in this way. There will be planned activities and time for their own learning project to be completed this half term. We would suggest daily maths, reading and spelling/phonics in short bursts along with exercise and wellbeing activities. The writing tasks may be project or teacher led. We have so many online sites that the children use anyway, that they should be able to independently complete activities as well. Education city has some great science and French for all age groups as well as literacy and maths for all age groups.

Other learning brought to our attention...

To support learning, BBC bitesize are streaming lessons.

We have also been notified that after Joe Wicks workout there is a punctuation show:

It's happening! After #pewithjoewicks, let The Punctuation Show take care of English on Tuesday at 10:15 on Facebook Live. Like <https://www.facebook.com/thepunctuationshow/> to join in.

Thank you

On behalf of our community I would like to thank the NHS staff, care workers and other key workers who are keeping us safe and facing many challenges at this difficult time. At SRG we will continue to do all we can to support them in any way we can.