

Bude Primary Academy Head of School – Mrs Sarah Robinson

Friday 18th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Menu

Next week is **WEEK 2**. There is now the additional option of a school 'packed lunch' alongside the usual meat/vegetarian and jacket potato options.

Covid-19

It is has been well documented this week that confirmed Covid-19 cases are increasing across Cornwall. Bude is no exception. Unfortunately, we had to close a class 'bubble' this week and pupils and staff are having to self-isolate. This has put a lot of pressure on staffing and resourcing the classes that remain in school. Everyone has been so flexible and supportive, stepping in to teach with very little warning. I thank all the staff for their efforts this week. A particular thank you to Simon Hodge and his team as they have extra responsibilities with the Covid cleaning measures and worked late so that the school could be 'fogged'. Also, Nikki our admin officer did an excellent job of answering questions vie email and telephone. We know what an anxious, frustrating time this is and whilst we are more than happy to respond to enquiries, I do ask that this is done in a respectful manner. School will let you know of any confirmed positive cases so please be cautious hearing news from elsewhere. If your child is self-isolating, then work will be set on their Google Classroom as in lockdown. Please contact the office if you have difficulties with this or require a device.

If your child, you or any member of the household develop symptoms of covid-19 over the weekend, please be vigilant and get a PCR test (not LFT test). You will need to self isolate until your test confirms that you are negative. Details of how to report a positive PCR result are on the website under the parents tab: Coronavirus (COVID-19) - The Aspire Academy Trust

We are now limiting external visitors into school to try and reduce the risks to our pupils and staff. We appreciate that events, such as bikeability being postponed, may be frustrating or upsetting but the safety of the staff and the pupils is our upmost priority.

We endeavour to keep classes open however circumstances may mean more class closures. We will keep you informed if this is the case.

Sports Day is ON

Although not in the usual format, each class will still have a Sports Day. **Unfortunately, we are not able to invite parents.** We plan to take photographs and publish these in 'The Splash.'

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Office Hours after half term

The office is open from 8:30 – 3:30pm.

Drop off times and pick up times.

Please can we remind pupils (who are not attending the Breakfast Club) not to arrive before their allocated time to avoid mixing bubbles. We are still operating in bubbles, maintaining social distancing, wearing masks, and encouraging regular hand washing. We also still follow the restrictions of minimising adults around site. If you need to speak to a class teacher, please let the office know or pass a message on to whoever is on the gate, and they will contact you. Thank you for your support with this.

Attendance

Attendance is **compulsory**. Please contact the school by **telephone from 8:30am on 01288 35273**1 if your child is ill and therefore will not be attending on that day. You will need to inform us each day that your child will be absent.

General Reminders

- **School meal orders** we need to inform the kitchen of the meal orders for that day by 9:15am. If your child will be late, please ring in to order your child's meal.
- **Toys/cards** please can we remind you that no toys/cards/miscellaneous items are to be brought into school.
- **School Uniform** Children need to be in school uniform or correct sportswear on their PE/after school club days.
- **Snacks/Packed lunches** Please can we remind all parents that we are a NUT FREE school. No nuts or nut products to be brought into school please in snacks or lunchboxes. Thank you.
- **Debts on Parent Pay** By the end of each week, all meals*/clubs must be paid for (*unless the child is entitled to Free School Meals). The school cannot accept payment via cash. You will be notified of any outstanding debts.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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