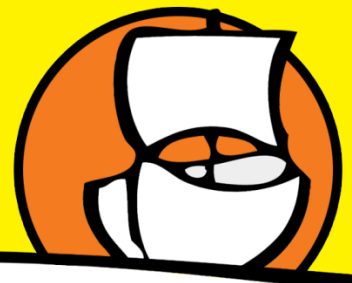


Penpol School

2 St George's Road, Hayle, Cornwall, TR27 4AH



Friday

23rd July 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Words fail us sometimes, particularly when we try to express the challenges faced by all this last year. Suffice to say, it has not been easy. Despite this, our community has grown stronger and your support more instrumental than ever. **Thank you** for the role that you have played here and for the trust that you have placed in us. It means a great deal.

I would like to thank my amazing **colleagues** who have worked tirelessly throughout the year, often in difficult conditions but never without a smile. Penpol is a remarkable place because of our remarkable people who change lives every day.

Thank you too to our **pupils**, every one of whom has astounded us this year in their adaptability, positivity and readiness to learn. All are more deserving than ever of a relaxing summer break, with lots of great books of course.

As you know, the wonderful **Issy Daniel** is retiring this term. Over the many years Issy has taught at Penpol, her work has reached hundreds of children and their families and she will be very much missed by all. Mrs Daniel – congratulations on your well-earned retirement and a huge thank you from us all!

Thank you also to **Sara Harris** who retired earlier this year having worked at Penpol for the best part of two decades. Sara's work in Reception had a huge impact upon the lives of our youngest pupils at Penpol. Sara – thank you. We miss you and are all thinking of you.

We are also waving good-bye to **David Woolcock**. David has been a key member of our governing body for many years. In volunteering a great deal of time, energy and care, he has been instrumental in so many aspects of school life and we are enormously grateful. Thank you David for all that you have given to the school.



As COVID rates continue to climb in the local community, we are taking a cautious approach to the easing of our control measures for the new term. It is hoped that, once we have returned, we will be in the position to relax measures further still, whilst maintaining our outbreak management plan in the event that it may be required in the future. Key changes are below:

- Please could all children arrive at school between **8:45am and 9:00am**.
- Please could all children be collected between **3pm and 3:15pm**.
- We will maintain our **one-way** system for the start of the term and review in the first few weeks of term.
- **Bubbles** will not need to be observed in the same way at school. However, lunchtimes and breaktimes will be staggered to maximise the use of our spaces.
- School **ties** will be optional from September. We will conduct a parent consultation regarding ties when we return in the new term.



We would very much value your input in shaping our onward provision here at school. Please do take a moment to complete the short **survey** below. All feedback, positive or developmental, is gratefully received. <https://forms.gle/FXs431uGvwoXGXEA>

Last week, we shared a link for the *Kids Invent Stuff* episode featuring Isla from Year 2's design. Apologies – I don't believe the link supplied worked. The episode can now be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgsbjMFpv68>



Thank you to Paul Hudson for this stunning picture of the school site!

Wishing you all a relaxing fun-filled summer. We look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 7th September.

Best wishes,

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