

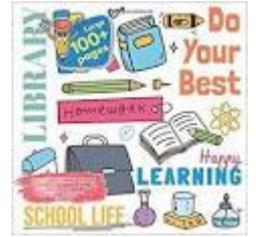


Portreath School - *Believe, Work Hard, Succeed*

18th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your support and patience at this extremely uncertain time. The school will remain open until we are formally asked to close by the DFE or we cannot staff the safe supervision of children.



All teachers are working on learning packs that we will give to your child today or we will deliver/post to you in the coming days ready for the possible closure. If we are hand delivering, we will knock on the door and drop the pack on the doorstep but will expect you not to open the door as we are aware that you are self isolating. There will be 2/3 weeks worth of learning to start after the 2 week Easter holiday **if** we are advised to remain closed. It is our intention to keep learning going should the country be asked to stay at home. We will be publishing additional learning on our website and Facebook page. In addition, we are hoping to use Google Classroom, your child will receive a login with their pack and instructions for this will follow if a decision is made to use it. Don't worry about it now just keep it safe in case it is needed.

We have also set up new email addresses for each class so that parents and teachers can contact each other and if needed work can be sent this way. As a MAT parents are not meant to email teachers directly but in these unprecedented times we are adjusting the policy during closure. The accounts will be activated and monitored the day after closure (but not during the Easter holidays). The email addresses are as follows:

mapleclass@portreath.cornwall.sch.uk (Mrs Forsdick)
rowanclass@portreath.cornwall.sch.uk (Mrs Stevens)
sycamore@portreath.cornwall.sch.uk (MrsWickett/Mrs Prince)
oakclass@portreath.cornwall.sch.uk (Mrs Jones/Mrs Price)
cherryclass@portreath.cornwall.sch.uk (Miss Clarke)

These will be checked daily by teachers as long as they are well. Please be patient and be mindful that staff may well have their own children at home to look after as well as completing tasks. I will be monitoring the accounts to check that teachers do not have unreasonable amounts of emails to deal with.

I will be very sad to close the school if we need to but understand why we need to do it; we all need to work together to protect our most vulnerable. There will be difficult times ahead and I hope we all manage to stay healthy and well. Self-isolating will be challenging in a variety of ways. But I hope as long as you are well that this could give families time together to connect and spend quality time together and slow down the pace of life in our high pace modern world. We will be providing work for the children to complete. But it is also a time to enjoy sharing books, cooking together, chatting over a meal, playing board games, making and creating, listening to music etc. I have created a bingo style grid with a few ideas for families to try.



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REMEMBER

At present, if you or any member of your family has NEW symptoms, a cough and/or a temperature then please self-isolate the whole family for 2 weeks.

If you have a **confirmed** case of Coronavirus then please inform the school immediately.

Please see the latest guidance:

We are advising those who are at increased risk of severe illness from coronavirus (COVID-19) to be particularly stringent in following social distancing measures.

This group includes those who are:

- 70 or older (regardless of medical conditions)
- aged under 70 with an underlying health condition listed below (i.e. anyone instructed to get a flu jab as an adult each year on medical grounds):
- chronic (long-term) respiratory diseases, such as [asthma](#), [chronic obstructive pulmonary disease \(COPD\)](#), emphysema or [bronchitis](#)
- chronic heart disease, such as [heart failure](#)
- [chronic kidney disease](#)
- chronic liver disease, such as [hepatitis](#)
- chronic neurological conditions, such as [Parkinson's disease](#), [motor neurone disease](#), [multiple sclerosis \(MS\)](#), a learning disability or cerebral palsy
- [diabetes](#)
- problems with your spleen – for example, [sickle cell](#) disease or if you have had your spleen removed
- a weakened immune system as the result of conditions such as [HIV and AIDS](#), or medicines such as [steroid tablets](#) or [chemotherapy](#)
- being seriously overweight (a BMI of 40 or above)
- those who are pregnant

Full advice here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

We will do our very best to keep you informed as we get guidance. Please keep looking at our Facebook page and/or the school website.

With all best wishes to you and your family,

Cassie Pamplin
Headteacher
