



Monday 6th September 2021

Dear Parents

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable Summer and have been able to spend some time with your families.

As we are preparing to return to school I felt it was timely to share some information with you about the current control measures in place to reduce the transmission of COVID this term.

All schools are required to have four baseline control measures in place at all times, other measures are to be introduced depending on the level of cases in the area at the time.

1. Maintaining good personal hygiene, washing hands frequently, catching coughs and sneezes in disposable tissues – catch it, bin it, kill it.
2. Maintaining robust cleaning routines
3. Ventilating areas well, maximising opportunities to be outside when possible
4. Being vigilant to symptoms and following guidelines for isolation and testing. Staff will continue to carry out asymptomatic testing twice a week.

On 27th August Cornwall became an enhanced response area (ERA), this will be in place for 5 weeks (reviewed after 4 weeks). The Cornwall Director of Public Health, strongly advise that residents and visitors alike continue to take precautions and remain Covid aware. The measures below are a reflection of this status alongside guidance provided to schools by the DfE and local public health teams.

As always all these measures will remain under review and will change in response to the risk and in line with guidance available to us.

Wrap around care:

Breakfast club will reopen on Wednesday 8th September at 7.45am, please contact the school office if you would like your child to attend (and they have not previously registered). Flying Start are resuming after school child care also from 8th September until 5.30pm, if you would like your child to attend please contact Flying Start direct on reception@flyingstart.uk.com

We are keen to get some after school clubs up and running again and will be reviewing the situation at the end of September. We will keep you informed of our decisions.

I very much look forward to seeing you all and the pupils of Illogan School on Wednesday morning.

Best wishes

Tamsin Lamb
Headteacher



Parent Fact Sheet – Frequently asked questions (6th September 2021)

Drop off, pick up	How will drop off and pick up work?	<p>Children should enter and exit the school through the external classroom doors. The doors will open at 8.40am and all children should be in class by 8.50am for registration.</p> <p>At the end of the day the gate will be opened just before 3.10pm. Children will leave school through their classroom doors.</p> <p>Mrs Lamb and/ or Mrs Bright will be on hand to direct parents and children to the correct doors.</p>
Wearing masks	Do parents/carers still need to wear masks when on the school site?	<p>We are kindly asking that at this time, given the high rate of COVID in Cornwall, parents and carers continue to wear masks when on the school site, unless they are medically unable to do so. This will be reviewed in line with the ERA review by the local authority.</p> <p>Staff will continue to wear face coverings in the school corridors and communal areas.</p> <p>Any visitors to the school will be asked to wear a face covering.</p>
Communication	<p>How can I communicate with the teacher?</p> <p>Will I be allowed into the classroom to settle my child in the morning?</p>	<p>The safest form of communication is either online using Class Dojo or by telephone at the end of the school day.</p> <p>Parents of reception pupils and those new to the school will be set up with login details during the first few days of term.</p> <p>If it is essential and a ‘face to face’ meeting is required please contact the office who will arrange this for you. You will be required to wear a mask if entering school.</p> <p>In our experience children settle more quickly if handover is prompt in the morning. We understand that one or two children can find leaving their parent/carer in the morning upsetting but we kindly ask that you trust the staff and let them settle your child. We will always call you once your child is settled to let you know all is well.</p> <p>At present, given high COVID rates in Cornwall, we are having to reduce the number of visitors to school.</p>
Uniform, Books Bags and PE Kit	<p>Will they need to wear uniform?</p> <p>Are children still wearing their PE kits to school on PE days?</p> <p>Can my child bring in a bag with their belongings in?</p>	<p>Your child will be expected to wear the required school uniform everyday, with the exception of their PE day when they are asked to come to school wearing their school PE kit.</p> <p>Details of the school uniform and PE uniform can be found on our school website.</p> <p>We are still trying to reduce the amount of belongings which transition between school and home so ask that you support us to keep this to the essentials – a reading book and reading diary, coat and packed lunch (if required).</p>
Illness	If my child has COVID symptoms what do I need to do?	If your child has COVID symptoms they should isolate, you will need to arrange a PCR test and inform the school of the result. Household members should also



	<p>If someone in my household has COVID can my child still come to school?</p>	<p>isolate, unless they are fully vaccinated or under 18 and six months, until the results are known.</p> <p>Following the change in guidance on 19 July 2021, the school will continue to ensure confirmed cases of COVID-19 do not attend until the end of their self-isolation period but contact tracing within the school setting will no longer continue.</p> <p>Attached to this letter is a flowchart which explains the action you and the school need to take in any given situation.</p> <p>The school is required to follow this government flowchart.</p>
Grouping the children	<p>Are children still in 'bubbles'?</p> <p>Will all the children now be playing together across the school?</p>	<p>No, the government have removed the requirement for schools to operate in bubbles.</p> <p>We are however implementing 'reduced contact' across the school. This means that although children will mixing with children from other classes this will be kept to a minimum. Classes will have allocated areas of the playground and assemblies will remain online until the review at the end of September.</p>
Lunchtime	<p>Will my child be eating in the hall with the other children or having lunch in their classroom?</p>	<p>We are keen for as many children to return to eating in the hall as possible – this is to encourage socialisation and support the establishment of good table manners.</p> <p>However, we are unlikely to be able to manage this for all pupils whilst reducing contact and maintaining robust cleaning routines between sittings. This means that Yr5 and 6 will start the year eating in their classrooms.</p>
Attendance	<p>Is attendance compulsory?</p> <p>What if my child is classed as 'extremely clinically vulnerable'?</p>	<p>School is fully open and all children should return.</p> <p>If your child is classed as or was previously classed as 'extremely clinically vulnerable' please contact the school no later than 10th September. Someone will then contact you to complete a risk assessment for your child.</p>
PPE	<p>Will staff wear PPE?</p> <p>Will children have to wear masks?</p>	<p>In line with public health advice, staff will be wearing masks in busy areas such as corridors or on the doors when meeting and greeting children.</p> <p>For pupils wearing a face covering or face mask is not recommended, except where a child becomes unwell with symptoms of Coronavirus at school, in which case the supervising adults will maintain a 2 metre distance.</p> <p>Staff may wear PPE when providing intimate care such as nappy changing.</p>
Hygiene and cleaning	<p>How will cleaning be managed?</p> <p>Will the children still be regularly cleaning their hands?</p> <p>Does my child need to bring in hand sanitiser?</p>	<p>Our school will be continuing with its more rigorous approach to cleaning during the school day.</p> <p>Children will be asked regularly to wash their hands as part of our measures to reduce COVID.</p> <p>The school will provide sanitiser to the children. If you wish to send your child in with their own you are welcome to do so but please ensure they understand it is for their use only and ensure it is labelled with their name and class.</p>