

4th January 2021

Dear Parents

Apologies for emailing at this late hour, as you will have seen and heard earlier this evening, from tomorrow, our school will be closed as part of the national response to the rising concerns regarding the new variant of the virus and increase in cases. As school leaders we received this news at the same time as you and have been in discussion with the Trust since the announcement.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement, our school will be moving to online learning from tomorrow. The school will be closed for all children who are not those of key workers. Therefore, please disregard my earlier letter about school being open tomorrow.

Home Learning:

Initially for tomorrow, work will be available on Google Classroom as it was for those isolating last term. Your login details were shared with you then, but please let us know if your child is unable to access or experiences any problems. Please contact Jenny on secretary@breage.cornwall.sch.uk in the morning.

From Wednesday, the home learning experience will follow a timetable and will include 3 meetings each day between the class teacher and the whole class via Google Meet. Your child's class teacher will be in touch tomorrow to invite you to a Google meeting on Wednesday morning to outline the expectations for home learning.

Laptops:

Our home learning is planned to allow more than one child to use a single laptop with pre-recorded videos etc. If, however, you require a device to support home learning because of multiple children in the home or lack of any suitable equipment, please contact us tomorrow.

Key Workers and vulnerable groups:

If you are a key worker as defined in the government guidance (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>) your child will be able to attend school if you require them to. Please email head@breage.cornwall.sch.uk advising which days and times you may require this provision, as soon as possible. Key worker cover is available tomorrow morning from 9am.

Tomorrow, we will contact anyone who was allocated a vulnerable group place in the last school closure to ascertain if this is required again. This may change as time moves along and we can include families at any time.

Food Vouchers:

If your child is in receipt of pupil premium free school meals funding (this does not include Universal Infant Free School Meals which children in KS1 receive), Jenny will shortly contact you about voucher provision.

I am so sorry that we have been given such little time to implement all of the above and that again we rely on parents to support so much with home learning. Please contact us if you have any problems and we will endeavour to resolve them for you as soon as we can.

Please stay safe and best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Hadley', with a horizontal line underneath.

Dan Hadley
Head Teacher