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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well as we all continue to adjust to our new ways of working and living. Thank you for all your messages of support and positive feedback, this is really appreciated as we all work together to support our children.

The timetable for our home learning curriculum programme for the next two weeks was sent to parents on Friday and can be found through our school website at <https://cape.cornwall.sch.uk/home-learning-resources>. Please remember that the details are still being set through Show My Homework.

In response to feedback, we have continued to separate out the timetable for Week 1 and Week 2 which we hope will make it easier for all to follow. As you know, we have also adjusted the amount of time students should spend on tasks to reflect the reality of working from home. Tasks should take 30 minutes each. In the survey you said that some tasks are taking longer than 30 minutes. We have passed on your feedback to staff who will review what they are setting in line with the feedback. The main thing is that we all keep students in the habit of learning; it is fine to adapt things so that they work for you and your family.

If you experience any difficulties in accessing learning for your child, please email andymorris@cape.cornwall.sch.uk for advice and support. Tutors will continue to be in contact with their tutees and will provide advice and support alongside our pastoral teams. All staff remain contactable through their emails, or through enquiries@cape.cornwall.sch.uk

Government IT Equipment for Year 10

The IT equipment promised by the Government for some Year 10 students without online access is expected to be in school this week. We will contact those families that this has been allocated to as soon as possible once this is available and ready to go out.

Safeguarding Children

Ms Dani Long is our Safeguarding Lead and she can be contacted via longd@cape.cornwall.sch.uk if you have any safeguarding concerns about a child. There are also more details about safeguarding children on our website including contact information for the Multi-Agency Referral Unit. If you are concerned about your child's mental health, then please email their tutor or Head of Upper or Lower School. You may also find the following websites useful for support:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>
<https://www.kooth.com/>
<https://www.your-way.org.uk>

Free School Meals Applications

All students who are eligible for Free School Meals should now be receiving their Tesco vouchers. If your circumstances have changed, and you think your family may be eligible, I would encourage you to apply so you and your children can access the support that is in place. We are currently providing our qualifying Free School Meals families with a weekly Tesco supermarket voucher: £15 for each child. To apply or to find out if you are eligible please visit:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>

There is an online application form for you to complete and if you need any help with this, then a member of our pastoral team will be able to provide advice. You can contact us via enquiries@cape.cornwall.sch.uk

If you do not have access to the internet, the telephone number for the Free School Meals Team is 01872 323298. If, after looking at the Cornwall Council website you still have queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. As always, our school team will be happy to help.

Provision for Key Workers and Vulnerable Children

The school continues to have limited supervision available for vulnerable students, and for the children of key workers. If your child is eligible for this provision and you are unable to make alternative arrangements to supervise your child, please contact us on enquiries@cape.cornwall.sch.uk and a member of our team will be happy to provide advice. At the current time, the list of key workers is unchanged and we can only provide supervision for eligible children. If you are a key worker and require school provision for your child for the weeks beginning 29th June and 6th July, please can you inform the school by emailing enquiries@cape.cornwall.sch.uk. Please can you email the school by Monday 22nd June to give us time to plan for our provision.

I hope this information is of help to our families: there is lots to think about so if we have missed an aspect of provision that is important to your child and not covered in this email, please don't hesitate to ask for more information. As we work together over coming months to support our children in their education, and our communities to face the challenges, please be assured that our staff are here to help. We will continue to be in regular contact with you and, as always, we are immensely grateful for your support and partnership. Keep safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Crawley
Head of School