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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your continued support as we work together through these testing times. I hope your child has been engaging with their home learning. We are excited about the developments to this that we have introduced this week.

Because there is so much to share with families, I have divided this message into sections with sub-headings to help you to find the information which is most relevant to your family's circumstances.

### **Online learning**

Thank you for completing our home learning survey. Your feedback is helping inform the next part of our home learning curriculum and your positive comments and support were gratefully appreciated. The timetable for our home learning curriculum programme was sent to parents at the end of last week, please remember the details are still being set through Show My Homework. If you experience any difficulties in accessing learning for your child please email [andymorris@cape.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:enquiries@cape.cornwall.sch.uk)

Also, the government has provided a link to more online learning resources. Please find a link to a very full and comprehensive directory of 'approved' sites arranged by subject and student age; many of these normally are paid for, but are free to schools/children during the current situation. [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources?utm\\_source=221c3f13-61f1-472c-b35f-4c2578319c59&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources?utm_source=221c3f13-61f1-472c-b35f-4c2578319c59&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

We are currently exploring the government scheme to support some Year 10 students with social workers or who are disadvantaged, in providing resources to support online learning at home and will contact parents when we have further details.

### **Safeguarding Children**

Ms Dani Long is our Safeguarding Lead and she can be contacted via [longd@cape.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto: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>

## **Updated Guidance for Parents and Carers on School Closures**

The guidance for parents and carers from government on the closure of educational settings has been updated with additional information on the resources and support available to help parents educate their children at home. The guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

## **Free School Meals Applications**

All students who are eligible for Free School Meals should have now received their Tesco vouchers. We are, like many schools nationally, experiencing difficulties with the national Government Voucher Scheme. To ensure that there is no delay in getting the vouchers, we will continue to send the Tesco vouchers based on £15 per week per child.

As the Coronavirus pandemic continues, we are aware that many of our families have had working hours cut and local and national employers are struggling with the impact of social distancing and the current 'lockdown'. As some of our families have experienced a significant impact on their income, I wanted to make you aware that Cornwall Council are processing new applications for Free School Meals. 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 weekly Tesco supermarket vouchers: £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, a member of our pastoral team will be able to provide advice. You can contact us via [enquiries@cape.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto: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**

Thank you to families for understanding the seriousness of the present situation and for making arrangements to keep children at home wherever possible. I know our parents felt very strongly that this was what was best for children and for our communities. Our provision for the children of keyworkers and the most vulnerable remains available throughout the period of school closure where parents have to attend essential work and are unable to supervise their children at home. If you are a key worker and require school provision for your child for the weeks beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May and 18<sup>th</sup> May, please can you inform the school by emailing [enquiries@cape.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@cape.cornwall.sch.uk)

Please can you email the school by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to give us time to plan for our provision. Please only request provision if absolutely necessary as even one child in school requires a significant number of staff to manage the key duties of opening a school and running the site, and therefore comes with an inevitable level of risk of infection. As there are currently no students

currently needing provision, the school site is effectively closed, and we are managing all enquiries through our email systems.

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 faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S J Crawley". The signature is written in a cursive style. Below the signature is a horizontal line that ends in an arrowhead pointing to the right.

Mrs S Crawley  
**Head of School**