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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and are getting used to our new ways of working and living. Thank you for all your messages of support and positive feedback as we now enter the second fortnight of our updated and improved Home Learning Curriculum.

The timetable for our Home Learning Curriculum programme for the next two weeks was sent to parents at the end of last week 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 separated out the timetable for Week 1 and Week 2 which we hope will make it easier for all to follow.

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)

### **Prime Minister's Update**

In his speech yesterday, the Prime Minister talked about the importance of getting secondary students back into school but that, for most students, this is likely to be in September at the earliest. Therefore, it is imperative that students continue to engage with our Home Learning Curriculum and meet the deadlines that support this. The feedback from yourselves and our students will help ensure that what we are delivering this term is relevant, sustainable and meaningful in supporting our students' learning while they remain at home.

I am immensely grateful for all of the hard work our students have put in so far and for your continued support. Plans are already well under way for what a phased return will look like at Cape Cornwall School to help support students transition successfully back to school.

### **Parental Feedback**

As part of our ongoing review and self-assessment, we would be grateful if you could complete the survey to help us understand how home learning is going:

<https://forms.gle/Zjti2rWzRuhKepM4A> Please complete the survey by Monday 18 May.

## **Safeguarding Children**

Ms Dani Long is our Designated 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, 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 have now received their Tesco vouchers. 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 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. 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 1 June and 8 June, 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 18 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. Our school site is partially 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 sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Crawley', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Mrs S Crawley  
**Head of School**