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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back from Easter, although it feels very strange not to be delivering my normal 'welcome back' assembly to our students.

I hope that you all managed to have a calm and restful break as far as possible given the current circumstances and that you are all keeping well. Amid the difficulties we are all facing, I hope that you were able to spend quality time together with your families.

As the national situation has continued to develop over Easter, we have lots more information to share with our families. I would like to start by thanking our parents for their messages of support and for understanding how hard the school staff have been working to manage the dramatic changes to our school. 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

I hope that our online learning arrangements are working smoothly for your children. Please do not hesitate to contact andymorris@cape.cornwall.sch.uk if you have any questions. We will continue with our home learning programme for the next two weeks through Show My Homework, whereby students are set work according to their timetable. I will be in contact next week with the plan for our next phase of our home learning curriculum. 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

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

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 the Heads of Upper or Lower School.

You may also find the following websites useful for support: <https://youngminds.org.uk/> and <https://www.kooth.com/>

Year 11 GCSE Updates

All Year 11 parents will receive an email later this afternoon detailing the plans for the grading for Year 11 qualifications including the latest OFQUAL guidance and an update to our Year 11 home learning curriculum.

Free School Meals Applications

All students who are eligible for Free School Meals will receive vouchers. We are still awaiting confirmation details of the Government Supermarket Voucher Scheme.

As the Corona Virus 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 that you and your children can access the support that is in place. We will be providing our qualifying free school meals families with a fortnightly Government Scheme supermarket voucher: £30 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

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 27th April and 4th May, please can you inform the school by emailing enquiries@cape.cornwall.sch.uk

Please can you email the school by Monday 20th April 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, appearing to read 'S. Crawley', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Mrs S Crawley
Head of School