



Friday 20th March, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update

Mount Charles School closed to all children this afternoon for the foreseeable future. All children have received a learning pack, online guides and a personal eSchools login. We have a small number of packs that have not been collected. When those families complete their isolation periods please contact us to arrange collection. We appreciate that this has been an overwhelming time for everyone. We cannot stress enough the need to remain calm and supportive of each other at home at this difficult time, and with this in mind we have emailed a suggested timetable to support you in setting a routine for home learning. Class teachers will upload tasks and communicate with your children through their eSchools account. School staff may also be in contact by telephone to check that you are all ok. You can also use DoJo to communicate with your child's class teacher or via email to the main office. Teachers will be contactable from 8.30am – 3pm Monday to Friday. Teachers will not be setting work during the school Easter holiday: Monday 30th March – Tuesday 14th April or on bank holidays.

As requested by the Government, we are providing childcare for vulnerable children and children of keyworkers.

The safest place for ALL children at this time is at home and you should only send your child to school if there are NO OTHER SAFE CHILDCARE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO YOU and for the MINIMUM possible time.

CELT schools have collaborated to provide a childcare hub at Penrice Academy for those that **absolutely need it**. The Penrice Hub will be available for children of key workers and vulnerable children from Poltair, Penrice, Carclaze and Mount Charles School. The facility will be open from 8am – 6pm but parents must only use it during their working hours. Bookings must be confirmed by 2pm the Friday of the week before childcare is required. **We cannot accept children if a booking form has not been submitted.**

Children are not required to wear school uniform. Children will need a water bottle, a pair of wellies, or old shoes, and a change of clothes. Breakfast, snacks and lunch will be provided.

Thank you for completing your requests for next week. We can confirm that all children booked for next week have a place. Please do not go to the main reception: our staff will meet you in Penrice car park with high visibility vests at 8am. Staff will be in the top left hand corner of the car park to escort you to our entrance. A member of staff will be there all day for children being dropped later. We will email a site map to all parents as soon as possible. A bookings form will be emailed for the following week on Thursday 26th March. The provision will run over the Easter holidays, Monday – Friday, excluding bank holidays.

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

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Mrs. C. Bunting
HEADTEACHER



I would like to thank parents and staff for your unwavering support over this challenging period. Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions/queries over the coming weeks. We are all here to support each other. Take care and please continue to follow the Government advice.

Best wishes,

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