

'Academy Trust School specialising in Complex Learning Difficulties and Disabilities'

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Dear Parents/ Carers

Well! Another busy week here at Pencalenick. As you will be aware we continue to manage a number of pupils who have tested positive for COVID 19. We continue to work with Public Health England who are happy with the way this is being managed in school. You will have had lots of communication from us about this – and I am sorry if you are feeling like it is too much, however we are committed to keeping you informed so that we can work together with sets of individual circumstances in mind to keep everybody as safe as possible in this situation. We are contacting you ( text or phone) if somebody in your child's close contact tests positive. This does not mean your child cannot come to school – but it does mean you need to carefully monitor for symptoms and test regularly if you can. In an exceptional circumstance ( where there are really high incidents in a group ) we may be advised to close a bubble – if this is the case you will be informed and we will get pupils back in school as quickly as possible.

If your child does end up having to be at home and they are well enough to access school work – please make sure you are in contact with the tutor if you need more.

Linked to this – we were hoping to have an onsite parents evening on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October – because of the situation in school we do not feel that this is a sensible thing to do. We are aware that many of you are in very regular contact with teachers – however if you do wish to book a face to face TEAMS meeting with your teacher you will be invited to do so next week. As soon as we can we will be holding an onsite open evening for parents to come into school – have a coffee, look at work and meet staff. We are really looking forward to this because it is an important part of being in the school community – but we want to do it when we are more able to allow people to freely mix on our site.

If you need to notify us that your child has had a positive lateral flow test/ COVID symptoms or a PCR test over the weekend – please could you email [dbarry@pencalenick.org](mailto:dbarry@pencalenick.org) Please be aware that Senior Leadership Team will be picking these emails up from Sunday afternoon – we will then send any contact notifications out by Sunday evening.

As ever please don't hesitate to contact me, or any of the team if you have any questions.



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