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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you had a lovely summer – we are looking forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Thursday 9th September (The only exception to this is Mr Powell's class who will be in on Wednesday 8th September). You have received a letter from Guy Chappell, Director of the Special Partnership Trust, outlining our processes to manage COVID in the light of the current situation in Cornwall. We will be carrying out two Lateral Flow tests in school on all pupils who have consent during the first week, in line with the guidance. After this we will be asking parents to complete a Lateral Flow test twice a week with their child if at all possible. (If you have already given permission for testing in school or did not give permission for your child to take a test last time, then this will remain the same. If you would like to change your mind - a permission form is attached for you to fill in).

Pupils will be learning predominantly in their class groups – as Cornwall is currently experiencing high levels of COVID we will continue to reduce whole school or large group contacts and review this in line with the guidance. As you may be aware, the guidance around isolation has changed now - and we are being advised that if someone tests positive for COVID they need to stay away from school – but the rest of the class can continue to come into school as long as they have no symptoms and are testing negative on a Lateral Flow test. We will continue to communicate with you and apply the guidance in the context of our specific pupil needs, working closely with Public Health England when necessary. The link below has information from Cornwall Council which is extremely useful and may answer any questions you may have about the strategies being implemented as part of the enhanced response.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/backtoschool>

The whole school COVID risk assessment is available on the school website for you to read. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me or a member of the team.

Kind regards,

Ruth Zimmerman
Head Teacher

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