



## Pencalenick School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Devon and Cornwall are still being classed as an Enhanced Response Area. Despite an unsettling week with cases of COVID I am happy to report that the pupils in the classrooms are really happy and engaged – staff are doing a fantastic job at making sure they continue to deliver the offer for pupils in school.

We have been informed that despite the number of positive cases dropping since the end of August, they are still high in the region. Therefore, the Director of Public Health for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly and the Public Health team have agreed that it is appropriate to continue with the same advice regarding staff (and pupils who can) - mask wearing in communal areas in educational settings for the next two weeks, when it will be reviewed again.

We currently have around twelve pupils isolating at home following positive test results so it is important that we continue to do everything we can to keep us all safe. Please keep your child supplied with hand sanitiser and masks to wear in the communal areas in school and on the taxi if they use one. Regular testing at home prevents the spread of Covid-19, therefore thank you for your support. We will also offer on-site testing next week.

If your child does test positive with the virus and has to isolate for a period of time, then work will be available for them from their tutor.

We know that the current situation regarding Covid-19 testing and isolating can be confusing so please see the following scenarios below to help you support your child with their education over the coming weeks if they are impacted by Covid-19.

### SCENARIO 1

If child's Lateral Flow Test (LFT) is positive, then you must book a PCR test and your child must isolate whilst waiting for the result. Parent/Carer to contact the school to inform us of the result.

### SCENARIO 2

If your child is identified as a close contact of a positive case, they should continue to attend school as normal (Department for Education, Sept 2021). Students should only isolate if they have tested positive or been contacted by the NHS track and trace system, instructing them to complete a PCR.

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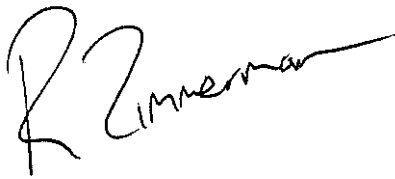
If your child displays symptoms of Covid (a new continuous cough, a high temperature, loss of smell/taste)  
- book a PCR test.

Negative PCR result – child to return to school at earliest appropriate opportunity where parent/carer feels child is well enough to return.

Positive PCR result – child to isolate for ten days.

Thank you again for your on-going support.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Zimmerman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ruth Zimmerman  
Head Teacher