



Message from Ms Jarrett

It is hard to believe that just over a week ago we were looking forward to all the fun activities and events planned for the run up to Easter and next term, but an unprecedented and unexpected period has now taken over all of our lives meaning these have now been put on hold, with many being cancelled. Firstly, our thoughts and prayers are with those within our local community, and the wider world, who may be struggling both medically and financially throughout this difficult time. We would like to thank parents who have taken extra steps to keep their children at home this week but reiterate that school provision is, and will continue to be available, as a last resort for key workers and vulnerable children. This situation has really shown the true dedication amongst all our staff; with those who are able, prepared to sacrifice their Easter break and volunteer to work extra hours, continuing to put the needs of our children and their families first.

Stay safe over the coming weeks; we will continue to update you via newsletter and hopefully we can all be together again soon.

With all our very best wishes....

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We Need You

We would love to hear from you all about the things you are doing at home to keep busy, please contact us with ideas we can share with other families, send pictures of your home-learning/activities or doing something fun that you would like to share with your friends and that we can include in our Newsletter.

Remember you can communicate with our teachers via Class Dojo and if you have any photos to share or would like to get in touch please email:

grampoundwithcreed.secretary@celticcross.education

Wellbeing support for students

Every Mind Matters is now tailored to support people through social distancing and home isolation. Find guidance, advice and tips on how to maintain your mental wellbeing if you need to stay at home or are worried and anxious about the outbreak. <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/coronavirus-covid-19->

Other information from Local Authority that may support parents

COUNTYWIDE – Volunteer Cornwall now have an online referral form for their Coronavirus support service (for vulnerable people who need assistance during isolation) https://www.volunteercornwall.org.uk/coronavirusvolunteer?fbclid=IwAR2xdn1uaO4x-2LTfmTQ9ccvTkmaanJlleeX_Vm8DIMxGC6XjDM3XFYYkYY.

COUNTYWIDE – Benefits and Coronavirus; A handy guide from Cornwall Council <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/benefits-and-coronavirus/>. Keep an eye on this page as there is an announcement due about the governments Coronavirus crisis grant.

COUNTYWIDE – The Growth Hub is offering advice to businesses affected by closure. Finds links to advice and their contact details here <https://www.ciosgrowthhub.com>

JOKE - How do all the oceans say Hello to each other ? They wave

What do you call a Bear with no teeth ? A Gummy Bear

Children do you have any better jokes than the ones here to keep our spirits up, email me with your best jokes so we can share them.



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Daily Education Update

Schools opening arrangements for key workers / vulnerable pupils and the local authority's role in coordinating

Schools / MATs are reporting information to the LA as to which schools are open, where cluster / hub models are operating and where, if necessary, schools have had to close. We have had information from more than 100 schools. Thank you for doing this as it helps to ensure the LA has a clear picture of provision for vulnerable children and those of key workers.

For the time being we are keeping a live spreadsheet of this information until we have access of the DfE hub that is being used to record schools opening arrangements. Please do keep sending in your updated 'school open / school closed information' until we advise otherwise.

Please could we remind schools that have vulnerable pupils/students dual registered with the APA to ensure that they are contacted and supported by the home school.

Vulnerable children and access to an education safe base

We know that you are aware of the children in your schools most vulnerable and at risk of exploitation. In line with the government guidance, these children need to be offered safe provision in the school setting. Close liaison will be needed with social care and parents/ carers as to the best place for this group currently. Some parents may not know their child has been deemed 'at risk of exploitation' so please speak to social care initially before contacting parents / carers. Any safeguarding concerns contact the MARU as this process remains in place. The multi-agency child exploitation panels (MACE) are continuing every two weeks and the Education Welfare Service is available for queries or concerns.

Children in Care

Thank you to all the schools who have made contact with us so far, offering provision for Children in Care and are informing us of what the offer looks like currently and speaking to social care and carers.

In-year admissions

There is currently a pause on the in-year admissions process. Please note the following:

For children that have already been allocated to your school but had not started with you parents/ carers will be advised that a start date will be arranged as soon as the school reopens. The place must be held for them and you should keep in contact with the family as you would with pupils already on roll. If you find that the place will not be required on reopening, please notify schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

- Applications for children that already have a school place in Cornwall within reasonable travelling distance and/or that are not moving house will not be accepted until further notice. Those already in progress will be closed and the parent/carer and school informed that they may reapply when applications reopen as notified on the admissions web pages.
- Applications for children currently registered for EHE in Cornwall will not be accepted. Welfare checks will be carried out by the EHE Service.
- Applications for children that are without a school place (other than EHE) will be accepted but will be held until more is known about schools reopening. A welfare check will be made by the Education Welfare Service if there are indications that the pupil is vulnerable and we may need to ask a school that is operating to offer vulnerable/keyworker provision as necessary.
- If you have already said yes to an application but it has not yet been formally allocated the principles above will apply in relation to children who have a place already or children without a place.

SEN Support Services - supporting schools and families

There is a range of useful information available on the Council webpages. Links to the individual team pages can be found at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/sendservices>

Please contact the relevant support service if you are seeking some additional advice either about an individual or groups of children -contact details can be found at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/sendservices>

- Staff are working on a number of new resources for families and settings and we will update you when these are ready
- Staff are also in the process of planning ways to maintain support to families and settings through the use of use technology

Should any problems arise with any specialist equipment, provided to individual children or young people, families and settings should contact the relevant SEN Support Service <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/sendservices>

COUNTYWIDE - Cornwall-wide Energy Advice Service Update from Community Energy Plus:

Community Energy Plus is a Cornish charity which provides energy advice and practical help for vulnerable householders in Cornwall to achieve warmer, healthier homes.

To keep people safe and to minimise the spread of COVID-19 we have suspended home visits. However we are continuing to provide advice over the phone to people living across all housing tenures in Cornwall. This includes:

- Advice for pre-pay meter clients about topping up meters during COVID-19.
- Help to understand energy bills, switch tariffs, manage energy debt and other issues with energy suppliers. We can advocacy support to help you speak to your energy supplier if needed.
- Access to grants for heating repairs and upgrades, insulation and other energy efficiency measures.
- Advice on saving energy and money.
- Advice on reducing condensation and mould.
- Links to services provided by other local and national organisations.

Call us on Freephone 0800 954 1956 or 01872 245566 or email advice@cep.org.uk

COUNTYWIDE – For those seeking support with self employment Outset Cornwall is now able to continue its support and reach out to communities by switching to an online programme delivery with of **all** training. The use of online training room to hold Outset Cornwall sessions seems like a great alternative. Individuals will still be able to interact with their advisor and the other people that attend the session, as well as see the slides that they are using on your computer screen. Their advisors will connect through webinars, phone calls and maintain contact with each individual. This might also be a good time to introduce you to their additional training platform, Outset Online, which they automatically get free access to once they have signed up to the programme. There is a wealth of experience on the platform, and clients can work through the online lessons to create a business plan, or dip in and out to find out more information about a certain topic to help with their business idea. Contact [\[rosie.laurent@outset.org\]](mailto:rosie.laurent@outset.org) rosie.laurent@outset.org to find out more.