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Dear Parents/Carers,

With so much positive news currently happening around the school, it is a shame that I must start today's communication by sharing a COVID-19 update with you, but this is, unfortunately, a sign of the times.

I would imagine by now you have heard that Cornwall is seeing an increase in COVID-19 cases following the half-term break with a number of local primary and secondary schools reporting positive PCR tests, having to send close-contact students into isolation as a consequence. Sadly, Penrice has been no exception.

The importance of regular testing

With cases on the rise and COVID-19 having an impact on a small number of our students, I kindly ask that all parents support the regular testing of their children every Wednesday night and Sunday night. Testing kits are available from school (please call in advance to collect), if your child develops suspected symptoms of Coronavirus they need to book a PCR test and self isolate. Catching a case early can stop the spread of COVID-19 and help us to keep as many students in lessons as possible.

What happens if I am told to self-isolate?

In the event that you test positive for COVID-19, or that you are told to self-isolate, full resources will be provided to support your child's learning from home throughout the 10 days of isolation.

Moving forward with COVID-19

We are actively monitoring the situation with COVID-19 on a daily basis, working closely with Public Health England (PHE) and following their guidance when positive cases are reported. Whilst the official government advice states that the wearing of face coverings is not required by students in schools, we would like to remind parents that students are allowed to wear face coverings at any time in school if they so choose.

Thank you to all parents and students for your support and cooperation with COVID-19 protocols, it is a challenging time for the whole community but working together has made it far more manageable.

Rainbow Runs

Throughout this week, students across all year groups have been taking part in the Children's Hospice South West's Rainbow Run challenge during their PE lessons. The event was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all that embraced the challenge. There was a real community spirit and a sea of rainbow colours running around our 1-mile circular route.



EVERY CHILD SUCCEEDS

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Clare Razzell, PE Teacher and Head of Year 10, would like to say a massive heartfelt thank you to each and every student that took part with a positive, smiley face. Super proud as always to be part of TEAM Penrice!

Today, for the final day of the Rainbow Runs, Kiley Pearce and Bernadette Chambers visited us from Cornwall Hospice South West who officially started each Rainbow Run. The big reveal with regards to miles covered and money raised will be announced next week. Thank you to the entire Penrice Academy community for supporting this challenge.



Wishing all of you a relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,

Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

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