

Fowey Primary School

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Hello Everyone,

We hope you are all safe and well, having enjoyed a peaceful Christmas and New Year.

We are really looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on Tuesday 5th January (Monday 4th is an Inset day).

Cornwall is now in Tier 3 and all local primary schools have been asked to open as usual. We understand this may be different from siblings attending at Fowey River Academy or other local secondary schools but it is important that Fowey Primary children return to school even if older siblings remain at home.

We are sure that we can continue to keep our school as safe as possible and we know how hugely the children benefitted from being in school last term, both in improvements in their well-being and mental health and well as seeing great strides forward in their learning.

We know that families will have different feelings about the government decision for most primary schools to remain open as usual. We are sure that some of you are pleased and are looking forward to the return to the school routine, similarly we know that some families will be feeling anxious about children returning together when the covid-rates are high and the national picture is so worrying.

Please rest assured that we are doing absolutely everything we can at school to keep everyone safe. We are very vigilant to children or adults who may have covid symptoms and we will continue to be so. We will be holding further staff training on Tier 3 restrictions with all staff on Monday as well as spending time in classrooms getting everything clean and ready for Tuesday.

We would ask you to help us keep the children safe by:

- making sure you use the right coloured entrance (green from the car park, red from the roundabout) so that people are staggered on pick up and drop off. Please be on time!
- remaining 2m apart from other parents on pick up and drop off, wearing a mask and keeping your children with you (children must not be playing while lined up in the mornings/afternoons as this risks crossing bubbles and creating contacts we don't know about)
- only sending one adult to collect/drop off

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- encouraging and reminding your children about hand washing and sanitising
- keeping your child at home and getting a covid test urgently if your child or anyone else in your household shows covid symptoms
- reminding your child that it is more important than ever that they remain within their bubble at school and that they must not go into other bubbles spaces.

We are sure that the winter is going to be a tricky one of further challenges, but we're confident that- together- we will continue to thrive at Fowey.

If you are worried please talk to us. All teachers can be contacted via e-schools (they won't reply until Monday) but if you would like your child's teacher to contact you on Monday please message them and they will do their best to do so.

If there is something we need to know to make sure your child has a good start on Tuesday (e.g. if there have been changes or problems over the holidays) please do let us know.

Thank-you for all your support and we'll see you all on Tuesday!

Kate