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26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parent /Carer

I am writing to you at an exciting time for Poltair; there has been substantial development in the school, students have returned amazingly well, positive and excited to be back. Although you will not have had the opportunity to see for yourself, the redecoration of the site is well underway.

Prior to joining Cornwall Education Learning Trust, the school did not have the finances to redevelop nor decorate the site. The Trust has already committed over £1.75 million to develop our site, including an incredible new library, entrance hall, a complete redevelopment of both the Creative Arts block and Music blocks. This investment is in addition to the spend on the complete refurbishment of the IT facilities and new resources for students.

As part of the redevelopment of Poltair we are considering, and consulting on, some significant changes; the school colours will be changing to reflect the history and pride of St. Austell and adopting the classic red of the town. Staff consultation has already begun based on working groups with students and staff. These have generated many ideas for new school names, new logos and eventually a possible new uniform.

I want to reassure you that this is a period of consultation where we will take everybody's views on board and that if the school uniform does change, then this will be a very phased process with the entrants to the school in 2022 being the first students to wear it. Any uniform changes will consider the financial implications for parents/carers and we will endeavour to keep costs minimum. However, this school has a great history, fantastic potential, and phenomenal students who deserve a strong sense of identity and pride, which I believe a distinctive uniform provides.

We would like to include your views in the development of the school and value your input on the potential name and logos for the school. Following the consultation and decisions on the school's name and logo, we will open up consultation about any future uniform change.

Please use this link to add your views to help us in our decision-making process <https://forms.office.com/r/eEdJvZ3eST>.

I want to thank you for all the support you have shown the school so far.

Yours sincerely

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