

18 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

At the end of this fast paced and challenging term, where we have all had to adjust our lives in response to the pandemic, I can only relay to you how impressed I and the staff have been in the way that your children have responded. They are an absolute credit to you and to the school. You will be aware from the last-minute announcements from the Government that mass testing is likely to take place in secondary schools in January and as a result schools will be running a phased return for students. Details on this are below; I can only apologise for the late notice that you have in this but the announcement came to you at the same time it came to us.

As part of our role in tackling COVID-19 we will still be part of the Track and Trace programme all the way up to Wednesday 23rd December. If a student tests positive for COVID-19 please email me:

meverett@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk

On receipt of this information, we will then take the following steps:

- Parents in the same year group will be informed by email (or a text if no email available) that there has been a positive case
- Parents of students who share the same bus as the identified student will also receive notification
- The student's timetable (without the name, to meet GDPR requirements) will also be attached so that students can work out if they share classes with the student identified as positive
- Staff will be informed by text
- Public Health England will be informed

Emails will be monitored daily up to and including Wednesday 23rd December between 9am and 4pm.

Next Term

After the announcements from the government last night, the start dates for year groups are as follows:

Year Group	On line learning	In school
7	4 th January 2021	11 th January 2021
8	4 th January 2021	11 th January 2021
9	4 th January 2021	11 th January 2021
10	4 th January 2021	6 th January 2021
11	4 th January 2021	6 th January 2021

We will write to you again on the 5th January 2021 to explain the roll out of the mass testing programme announced yesterday in secondary schools.

As a school, we would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday in what are fast and changeable times.

Mark Everett
Head of School