

25th March 2020 Update

Coronavirus - COVID-19 - Information for members of our school community including parents, carers and staff

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for following the guidance which is allowing us to support critical workers and vulnerable children in our schools. We have had a low turnout of children as parents have only sent children to school where absolutely necessary. This has allowed us to plan staffing arrangements for each of the schools, working in rotation through this week and into the Easter Holidays.

Hubs

We have taken the decision to close some of the school sites due to low staff and pupil numbers. This means we can put staff together to support cover over the Easter Holidays and ensure we have adequate staff ratios for safeguarding those children attending school.

As other schools close around ours we are working with the Local Authority to allow children of key workers and vulnerable groups to access provision in our schools. We want to be of assistance where we can.

The 'hubs' are as follows:

Looe Primary will become the hub school for Trenode, Polperro and Duloe

Brunel Primary will be open

Delaware Primary will become the hub school for Gunnislake

Lanlivery Primary will be open during school term time

(Please note we are CLOSED over the Easter Holidays due to low numbers. We will REOPEN to children of key workers and vulnerable groups to access provision on Tuesday 14th April)

Pelynt Primary will become the hub school for Polruan

St Cleer Primary will become the hub school for Darite

Wadebridge Primary will become the hub school for Blisland

Meals

As some of our schools have had to close due to low numbers of staff and children we will now be providing lunches via our Hub schools for children of key workers and vulnerable children. This will be a packed lunch option which can be ordered by staff and parents of those children in attendance when registered each morning. Please pay in the normal way via our ParentPay system.

Families with children eligible for free school meals can order a packed lunch for collection from our hub schools on a daily basis during school term time. To continue to access this offering we ask that you contact the Hub location for your child's school, either by phone or email by 9am each day and confirm any dietary requirements. Your child's ordered packed lunch will be available to collect from the Hub location between 11am – 12:30pm.

Please see contact details below of the Hub Location for your child's school:

Brunel (Hub) - Tel: 01752 848900 or email secretary@brunelprimary.co.uk

Delaware (Hub) – Tel: 01822 832550 or email secretary@delawareprimary.co.uk
Gunnislake

Lanlivery (Hub) – Tel: 01208 872662 or email secretary@lanliveryprimary.co.uk

Pelynt (Hub) – Tel: 01503 220262 or email secretary@peylntprimary.co.uk
Polruan

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Looe (Hub) – Tel: 01503 262172 or email secretary@looeprimary.co.uk

Duloe, Polperro, Trenode

St Cleer (Hub) – Tel: 01579 342196 or email secretary@stcleerprimary.co.uk

Darite

Wadebridge (Hub) – Tel: 01208 814560 or email secretary@wadebridgeprimary.co.uk

Blisland

Trips

We recognise many of our schools have trips and residential planned that will now not take place, and many parents will have paid deposits towards them. Bridge Schools Trust has detailed records of these transactions and all monies are 'ringfenced' being separately identifiable in our accounts.

We are currently in discussions with our insurers and Parent Pay to ascertain the best way of returning monies. Please bear with us during this time of uncertainty and we will update you further after the Easter Holiday.

Home learning

To help you to keep your child's education running you will have seen that there is a wealth of information available on class pages on school websites. Teachers have put reminders/projects and additional information on there for children to follow in term time, we will not be uploading additional work during the holiday – children need a break too! There are a range of websites/reading/times-tables and other activity ideas on there for you to follow as you wish. More information will be shared, and websites updated after the Easter Holiday.

Health and well-being

This will be a testing time for many of us. We all need to get through this change to our lives together by sharing advice and support with each other. Yours and your children's well-being is important. While the sun shines it is a little easier to get children outside to play but as the lockdown takes effect it will become increasingly difficult. Please keep in touch with Head Teachers and staff, via email whether your children are attending school or not if you feel there is anything, we can do to support you.

Over the coming days we will be uploading advice and guidance on to school websites as well as signposting support.

Easter Opening

We will continue to open sites during the Easter Holiday for children of critical workers and vulnerable groups however, to follow the government advice sites will be closed to everyone else. All schools will close to everyone from the evening of Thursday 9th April during the Bank Holiday weekend and will not reopen until the morning of Tuesday 14th April. Children attending child-care over Easter will not be required to wear school uniform.

We are fortunate to have such supportive parents working with the schools and the Trust to get the best out of this situation for all our children and families.

I wish you well for the coming weeks. Please try not to worry, just follow the advice and stay safe. We will be writing to you again after the Easter Holiday.

With all good wishes,

Adrian Massey and everyone at Bridge Schools.

