19th March 2020

Dear parents/carers,

COVID-19 UPDATE – PARTIAL SCHOOL CLOSURE

Due to the recent announcement from the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson that all UK schools must **partially** close due to the spread of Coronavirus, we are writing to officially notify you of the partial closure of the Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe Primary Schools.

The schools will be closed to **most** pupils from 3.30pm on Friday 20th March 2020 and until further notice. Vulnerable children and children of key workers will continue to be cared for in school during normal opening times. Examples of these key workers include NHS staff, police and delivery drivers who need to be able to go to work. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with educational health and care plans. A full list of key worker categories will be published by the cabinet office tomorrow which I will share with you when I get it. Pupils who are not in school will be expected to remain at home with appropriate care; Grandparents or those over 70 years old should not be expected to look after them. Please follow government guidelines on this.

Our staff have been working hard behind the scenes to devise a learning plan to ensure that your child still has the opportunity to continue their studies remotely. Please find details of our home learning plan on individual school websites under the home learning tab on the home page on

[www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk)

[www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk)

When you click on your child’s class, you will find our learning web with all of the term’s objecctives and some parent guides to help both you and your children. Many of our children who are presently self isolating have already begun their home learning journey and are communicating regularly with their classteachers via tapestry and Seesaw. If you have any problems accessing either of these or the internet in general then please contact us before 3.30pm on Friday and we will do our best to support you and offer alternatives. Email addresses of classteachers are also on the home learning pages should you need them.

As soon as we have an official date to re-open, we will communicate this with you via the school website, we will also update the home page and home learning page with any new information we receive and with our new learning objectives for next term so please keep checking.

We would like to offer our very best wishes and hope that anybody affected by this unprecedented virus makes a speedy recovery. Take good care of yourselves.

Yours faithfully,

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