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Sunday 3rd of January, 2021

Dear Parents and Children,

First and foremost, I would like to say a Happy New Year to you all and extend my best wishes to you for 2021. I hope you had an enjoyable but relaxing Christmas as well.

As you may be aware, the Covid-19 related situation across the Country, and indeed in Cornwall, has worsened over the last couple of weeks with a sharp rise in cases, fatalities and concerns about the new variant of Covid-19 and the spread of this. It has been widely expected that schools would close for a 'circuit breaker' period, and this has happened for Secondary Schools but not for Primary Schools. However, as you may have seen in the news, Educational Unions have now taken a stance that staff and children should not be returning to school for Health and Safety reasons (Covid-19) and that this is to ensure the Health, Safety and Wellbeing of the children, staff, families and the community.

As a result, I am left with no option but to temporarily close Nanpean School for an expected period of two weeks until Monday 18th January, in line with many Secondary Schools. **This decision will remain under constant review and further details will be forthcoming to parents at the end of this week.**

However, at this time, I expect the children to be completing Remote (Home) Learning for this period, and Teachers will contact children / parents to make this available on Class Dojo and Tapestry. If you don't have access to either of these platforms, please contact the Admin Office at school and we will arrange for printed copies to be made available for parents to collect.

In the meantime, Nanpean School will remain open to vulnerable children and those with parents as key workers. We have lists of key worker parents from the previous lockdown, but these parents, and any others who now believe they are key workers, need to **telephone Nanpean School tomorrow, Monday 4th January 2021, between 9am and 1pm** (this is an INSET day but staff will be available to answer calls) to request a place for vulnerable / key worker children, for provision to begin on Tuesday 5th January. Please do not ask for a place if you are not in either of these categories as these measures are being put in place again to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of everyone.

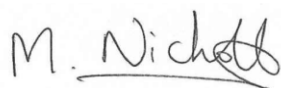
Once we know how many children will be attending, a further letter will be sent tomorrow (Monday 4th January) with details about times, entrances and exits.



I sincerely apologise for the late notice of this and am aware of the difficulties this may pose to families. However, I know that many parents themselves will have concerns and will have been following relevant details in the news, and I want to reassure you that this decision has been made, as it is being made in many schools, for the safety of children, staff, families and the community.

Finally, I would like to send you, the children and your families my best wishes at this difficult time. I hope you are all well and staying safe and I look forward to seeing you all back at school very soon.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr M. Nicholls (Headteacher).

Lee Watts

Mrs L. Watts (Chair of Governors)

