



## HEAD'S BLOG...

Welcome back to a new academic year! We are full of hope for what lies ahead and are looking forward to lots of the things that make school great!

Pupils are now able to return to school with far fewer restrictions than when they left for the summer holidays. It means pupils will be able to experience a fuller education experience, including access to more group activities, team sports, playing with friends, plays and taking part in musical groups. However, as Cornwall and Devon have been moved to an Enhanced Response Area, there are some additional measures in place. More information can be found here: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/backtoschool> and our contingency plan is on our website [here](#). We are getting back to as near normal as possible with robust hygiene measures in place as well as face coverings being worn by staff in communal areas. Hopefully, this will be a short-term measure and will be reviewed after 4 weeks. We will keep you posted of any further changes.

After the busy-ness at the beginning of the first day, we all seem to be getting into the swing of the new morning routines—thank you for your patience with this. Please use the drop-off zone to stop and drop your child for a quick getaway!

Children have settled beautifully into their new classes and routines. It's been lovely to see children calm, focussed and enjoying their learning. They are also looking really smart in their school uniforms! Thank you for ensuring they are wearing the correct clothing. If you are having any difficulty with purchasing uniform, please let our office staff know as they can help with locating and signposting to financial support if needed. PE will be starting next week so children can come in wearing their PE kit of white tops and black shorts /joggers and trainers—no other items please! School jumpers can be worn over the top of t-shirts. Clubs will also start again soon—please keep your eye out for information coming next week.

I've included, later in the newsletter, our communications procedures. Please take a few moments to read this. Most importantly, can we please remind you that absences **MUST** be reported by calling the school office on 01726 64322 **ONLY**.

School has been a hive of activity over the summer holiday; the building has been full of contractors upgrading the building's fire compliance, including some rather snazzy doors! (I can't believe I'm getting excited about new doors!!! :) ) Thank you to our site supervisor, Andy, and our Estates Manager, Jason, who have ensured things have gone smoothly.

In addition, the long-awaited playground markings are here! They look great and children have been enjoying making up games and getting active. Thanks to Mr Nicholas for ensuring the ideas finally became reality. Finally, our Secret Garden has had a bit of a spruce up, thanks to our lovely St Luke's Church friends for all their efforts.

Have a lovely, restful weekend and see you next week.

Ms Carmichael

### Coronavirus reminder

If your child develops any symptoms of Coronavirus (persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste / smell), s/he **MUST NOT** come to school and school must be informed. Call 119 or get a test online at:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

**NB: All absences must be reported to our school office by calling 01726 64322. You can leave a message if outside of office hours. Please DO NOT report absences via Class Dojo. Thank you.**

# Summer improvements...

How much fun does the playground look now?!

What's the time  
Mr Wolf?

Thanks for St Luke's the Secret Garden is looking lovely!

The new safety doors are very smart!

# This week's Achievers

Congratulations to all of our achievers this week, for settling in well and showing courage.

Louise, Alice, Amy, Joseph, Sam, Troy, Kaleb, Millie, Jax, Alfie, Evie, Jamie, Bow, Sophie, Samuel and Finley



# Parent-School Communication

## Communication

Communication is vital to ensure we can support your child and keep them safe.

We will communicate to you via whole school or class Dojo messages. This helps you keep up-to-date with events in school and also gives you a snapshot of our days! We will also send out our weekly Clk-newsletter via Class Dojo and email. This newsletter provides lots of information and is definitely worth a read each week! We may also email you with important letters or booking information.

We will resume our bi-annual parents' evenings in the Autumn Term. However, we also encourage you to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

What	How	Extra info
Absence reporting, Covid symptom reporting, issues with nursery or wraparound bookings, lunch order queries, urgent messages, notifying of alternative adult collecting or permission for child to walk home.	School office ONLY—please call 01726 64322	Lines open: Mon-Thurs: 8:30am-4:30pm Fri: 8:30am-4:00pm
Information for class teacher, minor queries or concerns.	Contact classteacher via Class Dojo or call the school office 01726 64322	Classteachers will respond within 24 hours of receiving the message; however they cannot respond during teaching hours, 8:45am-3:30pm or over the weekend.
Welfare concern or complaint	Contact the school office—01726 64322 or email <a href="mailto:bishop-bronescombe.secretary@celticcross.education">bishop-bronescombe.secretary@celticcross.education</a> for a telephone call or appointment with the PSA, Head of School or Assistant Head	A Senior Leader or PSA will respond within 24 hours of receiving the message, during normal working hours 8am-5:30pm.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 2021/22 Autumn Term Diary Dates:

w/c 20th Oct 21—Start of Autumn term Go Active clubs (details to follow)

Mon 25th Oct—Fri 29th Oct 21—Half term

### 2021/22 Inset Days:

Mon 6th Sep / Tues 7th Sep 2021

Mon 1st Nov 2021

Mon 25th Jul 2022

Tues 26th Jul 2022

# PARENT SUPPORT

Welcome back!

I will now be available on Tuesdays,, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For ease you can continue to contact me via text on 07903 613074 and I will get back to you as soon as I am free.

I can offer 1:1 support telephone advice and support as well as continuing to offer the face to face appointments via Microsoft Teams if this is preferred.

In addition as the term progresses I will be offering outreach appointments to come and meet with you at home as and when you require help with any matters that I might be able to assist with.

Tuesday and Thursday mornings you will find me at the drop off zone.

If you have any questions, worries or are simply seeking some advice/signposting to appropriate support please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

Terri-Anne

Tuesdays 08:00 - 16:00 (based in BB / outreach)

Wednesdays 08:00 - 16:00 (remote working)

Thursdays 08:00 - 13:00 (based in BB / outreach)



# PUPIL SUPPORT

## #ConnectCard

#HSKYouth are some truly amazing young people, who have helped steer the programme and created their own brand / logo; a website ([www.startnowcornwall.org.uk](http://www.startnowcornwall.org.uk)); social media; a film project; their own online wellbeing and resilience action plan (and an app based on the plan); and more....



Despite the challenges of lockdown YP have continued to be involved in the programme and concerned to support the wellbeing of others.

In September 2021 they are launching 'Connect', essentially a wallet-sized card and key fob with a scannable QR code that will take users to an online portal linking to information / support / opportunities in their local area / fun stuff...

They want to raise awareness of **Connect** and help young people to feel they are not alone as they go back to school in September. They would like YP in Cornwall to:

- feel positive about the school year ahead
- know how to find help / support and look after their wellbeing (e.g. using the 5 Ways to Wellbeing)
- feel OK to ask for help if they need it



So we've come up with the....

## Back to School - Wellbeing Kit

"We hope that everyone will feel good about going back to school in September (hopefully without bubbles, masks and lateral flow tests!). If they are not feeling so good we want everyone to know how to find and ask for help.

To help promote the **Connect Card** we've created a free 'Back to School' Wellbeing Kit for YP in Y6 / Y7 / Y8 in Cornwall. The first 1000 YP with a Connect Card who (choose to) sign up can claim a free **Back to School Wellbeing Kit**.

**Content will include:**

- stress busting tangles and key rings
- Great grounding and cool calm ideas to try out
- and more....



For more information contact: Kate Pordage [kate.pordage@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:kate.pordage@cornwall.gov.uk) 07484 916974

[www.headstartkernow.org.uk/connectcard](http://www.headstartkernow.org.uk/connectcard)

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# OTHER NOTICES

## School Admissions

The online application process for Starting School, Transfer to Junior School and Transfer to Secondary School for September 2022 has now started. Detailed information about the admissions process is available online or on request from the School Admissions Team.

Please ensure you name **more than one preference**. It will not mean less chance of securing place at your preferred school. Please note that if you do not apply on time, your preferred school's may already be full.

If you need support with your application process, please contact the office, the Family Information Service (0800 587 8191) or School Admissions Team (0300 1234 101).



### Do you have a child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018?

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2022 for that child by the deadline of **15 January 2022**.

**Please note:** you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. If a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Visit [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) for more information and to access the online application system

#### Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2022**



[www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)



## Transfer to secondary school

### September 2022

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

#### Information and guidance

Website and application form: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

Email: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

#### Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191

The deadline for applications is **31 October 2021**



[www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

### Applying for a secondary school place for September 2022

#### Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: [statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk)

#### 1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

...think about **how your child will get to school**. Go to [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport) for more information on whether your child would be entitled to transport to school.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

#### 2 Submit your application by 31 October 2021

Apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

#### 3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 1 March 2022**. **Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

## Celtic Cross Education Initial Teacher Training School Direct Open Information Sessions for 2022-2023

**Have you thought about training to be a teacher?**  
**Already have a degree or currently working on one and considering teaching for the future?**  
**Want to stay local or within our Trust?**

Then why not find out more about the School Direct process for teacher training offered by CCE in conjunction with Plymouth Marjon University.

Join us on one of our Open Information Sessions and find out what the process entails and what CCE can offer.

The sessions are on:

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 - 4.00 - 5.00pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 - 5.00 - 6.00pm

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 - 4.00 - 5.00pm

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 - 6.00 - 7.00pm

If you are interested in joining one of our Zoom Information sessions, please email:

[karen.holmes@celticcross.education](mailto:karen.holmes@celticcross.education)

stating which session, you would like to join.

We look forward to meeting you.

# ONLINE SAFETY

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

### Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that - whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun - you can do it safely.

#### Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private - so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

#### Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you - but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

#### Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night: you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

#### Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online - by anyone, not just someone from school - talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

#### Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met - and who might not be who they say - is definitely best avoided.

#### React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

#### Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

#### Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too - if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

#### Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).

