

Unit 20, St Austell Business Park, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4FD

1st April 2022

### Dear Parents and Carers

Today the country moves into a new phase, "Living with COVID-19" and we must all as individuals learn to live safely with the virus and help reduce the risk of catching both COVID and other respiratory infections, such as flu.

As we head towards the end of a busy spring term, please find below clarifications on both school-specific and general Trust procedures, which I hope you will find useful.

The Aspire/COVID information page at <a href="https://www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus">https://www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus</a> is fully updated as of 1st April 2022, and you will find all relevant government links and current NHS information.

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DO NOT send your child(ren) into school if they are unwell and have a high temperature Keep your child(ren) at home and avoid contact with other people. They can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend.

**DO NOT send your child(ren) into school if they have tested positive for COVID**Keep your child(ren) at home and avoid contact with other people. They can return to school after 3 DAYS provided they are symptom-free and are well enough to attend.

PLEASE NOTE: Any child who presents in school with a temperature, cough or other respiratory virus-like symptom, may be sent home, <u>at staff discretion</u>.

### **GENERAL POINTS TO NOTE**

## Child absence due to sickness

The usual rules of attendance and absence apply. If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, please inform your school office before 9am as to why your child is off school and when you expect them to return. If your child(ren) has received a positive COVID test result, please inform us so their absence can be coded accordingly.

### Staffing

Thank you again for your endless patience and understanding over the last two years. We do anticipate continued disruption into the summer term with staff shortages due to sickness



and we ask for your continued support should we need to cover your child's class short term with unfamiliar (but qualified and experienced) adults.

# Wraparound and Clubs

These continue as normal. However, please be aware that whilst case rates remain high in Cornwall, it is possible that staff shortages may cause some further disruption to clubs and after/before school activities.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Yours faithfully

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