

St Day and Carharrack Headteacher Update

Self-belief, Determination and Courage

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Dear Families

The school photos taken outdoors last week – look great! The sample has already been sent home to you – please follow the instructions if you would like to place an order.

I hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well during the start of this second National Lockdown. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if your family situation changes in any way – this helps us to continue to support your children effectively. We are supporting Children in Need with 'FIVE TO THRIVE' by continuing to focus on well-being, which is crucial for our children! We want to equip every child with strategies to recognise and manage their feelings. This Friday, children can come to school in clothes that make them feel happy! We have a 'just giving' page set up for you to make donations.

This year Children in Need will look a little different. We will be taking part in Children in needs five to thrive campaign. We will connect, take note, get active, be curious and give.

We will be taking part in activities throughout the school week based around wellbeing for all. This will include 5 minutes mood boosting with Joe Wicks each day.

SAVE THE DATE
APPEAL WEEK
9-15 NOVEMBER

5 FIVE TO THRIVE

Join us on November 13th for our non school uniform day. Wear whatever makes you feel happy.

Joe Wicks

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-day-carharrack-school>

UNIFORM

We are excited to launch our new website for ordering school uniform. Please use the link below for any embroidered cardigans, fleeces and crewneck sweatshirts. Book bags and small adult crewneck sweatshirts can still be purchased through the office.

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/stdayandcarharrack>

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

It is great news for our children that Marcus Rashford's actions have resulted in a government change over free school meals during the holidays. Ahead of this news, Cornwall Council had already agreed to provide funding to families in receipt of means-tested **Free School Meals** during the Christmas holidays (you do not need to apply again). Eligible families will receive £15 per week for each child. Further information to follow once this has been clarified.

If your circumstances have changed, please check if you are now [eligible](#) for **FSM** support – **if you have not yet applied for free school meals**, please click [here](#).

National restrictions began in England on 5 November

Find out about the new restrictions and what you can and cannot do.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

STAYING SAFE – PROTECTING EACH OTHER

Please continue to follow all government guidance above – this is crucial in keeping our staff as safe as possible – to ensure we can keep all classes open. It is great that the children can socialise in their school bubble this time around, but please follow guidance by not mixing outside of school hours. Thank you for continuing to keep as much distance as possible at drop off and collection times and thank you for taking precautions to self-isolate if required. The guidance above offers clear guidelines on 'childcare bubbles' with **one** family – please note that this childcare bubble cannot change once established. Please inform the office if you have this arrangement in place.

The St Day and Carharrack **Remote Learning Policy** is available on our school website:

http://www.st-day.cornwall.sch.uk/website/school_policies/362899

Please have a look as this explains the procedures we have in place if your child has to self-isolate or the class bubble has to close due to a positive case with a member of staff or child. If you require a paper copy, please call the office.

We are here to help in any way we can.

Best wishes

Susannah Storey

Headteacher

10 TOP TIPS

REMOTE LEARNING FOR PARENTS

Remote learning can be a great way to continue learning outside the classroom, particularly in difficult circumstances. For parents and carers, the idea of remote learning isn't always straightforward and there can be a number of factors they need to consider, especially around ensuring their children feel comfortable and are familiar with the whole concept. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers support their child in getting the most out of their remote learning experience.

1) Take an active interest in your child's learning

As a parent or carer, remote learning will be a new concept for your child and there are bound to be a few teething problems to start with. Take an active interest in their learning and help support them whenever they need a helping hand.



2) Monitor your child's communication and online activity

It's important to remind your child that despite being at home, the same level of behaviour and conduct exists as if they were at school. Encourage them to remain polite, remember their manners and not to post or send any negative comments just because they are behind a computer.



3) Establish a daily schedule and routine

Working from home and trying to learn in a more casual setting that children might associate more with play and a degree of freedom might take a bit of getting used to. Try to stick to a daily routine and use the timetable/schedule that schools have sent home to help children keep on top of their daily learning.



4) Encourage screen breaks away from devices

Remote learning will inevitably require more interaction with computers, laptops and tablets. Teacher's will invariably advise on screen breaks however it doesn't hurt to keep a check on their time online or encourage them to get some fresh air/exercise.



5) Ensure your learning device is in a public space in the home

It's important to consider where your PC or laptop is placed if live video is being used. Try to keep the background neutral with no personal information visible and move learning devices out of the bedroom as this could be deemed inappropriate.



6) Implement safety controls and privacy restrictions on apps and software

Dependant on how your school implements remote learning, your child may be required to download certain software or apps. Whilst these are likely to be relatively safe to use, like any other new app or platform, parents should still implement safety controls as a precaution.



7) Ensure your child only uses official school communication channels

It's important that all communication with teachers and school staff is directed through approved school channels, whether that be through the school's online portal or the relevant secure messaging site.



8) Familiarise yourself with relevant school policies

Schools should have a policy on remote learning and direction that they can share with parents. Familiarise yourself with this and ensure you know what is expected of teachers and your child during lessons, both online and offline.



9) Maintain feedback with teachers

Engage in communication with teachers where possible and try to feed-back progress and development as well as any helpful suggestions around the learning process. Be transparent but remain professional and only use official channels to communicate.



10) Monitor your child's wellbeing and mental health

Remote learning will likely mean that your child won't get the same level of social interaction and might not see their friends for a while. Keep a check on their wellbeing and try to encourage them to get out as much as you can. Whilst learning from home might seem fun and exciting to start with, missing out on seeing their friends everyday might take its toll.

