

# PENAIR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to you to update you on the students return to school and some arrangements going forward.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the very large majority of our students on how well they have settled back into being at school. The children are pleased to be back, are engaging well in lessons and it is really good to have the buzz of young people back in the building. We realise that all of our young people have had a different experience over the most recent lockdown period and are endeavouring to support them all in school.

I would like to thank parents for supporting their child with learning remotely at home over the lockdown period. We appreciate that the children have been continuing to work hard and do their very best in difficult circumstances. We are confident that through continuing to work in partnership with you and your child we can help fill any gaps in the learning.

I would also like to congratulate the children on how well they have conducted themselves in undertaking the lateral flow tests. It is very important that they continue to carry out the testing at home twice per week as per the letter from Mrs Hakin that was sent to parents last week. The government have asked schools to work with parents ensuring that children continue to undertake the tests over the Easter break and report their results to both school and NHS track and trace. This is to drive down rates of community transmission and keep everyone safe and ensure minimal disruption to schooling after the Easter break.

Please can I ask for the support of parents with regard to one matter and that is the wearing of jewellery. Whilst we have paused our uniform as a supportive measure to ensure that children can wear clean clothes each day which has been well received by parents, and children can be comfortable and warm, we have not changed our approach to jewellery. Our policy states that students can wear one small stud in each ear, a watch but no other items are permitted. Children who have facial piercings and or other items of jewellery will be asked by tutors to remove them and put them away or they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. It would help us greatly if parents can ensure that these items do not come to school so that staff are not having to begin the day with negative conversations. Your direct involvement in this prior to your child arriving at school will be much appreciated.

You will be pleased to learn that the school dining hall will reopen on Monday 22 March for hot and cold 'grab and go' lunches. Can I remind parents to top up their child's SCOPAY account <https://www.scopay.com/login.html> over the weekend in readiness for Monday. If you do not have an active SCOPAY account, please email Miss Randle [srandle@penair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:srandle@penair.cornwall.sch.uk) who will be able assist you in setting one up.

Once again thank to all of our parents for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

**James Davidson**  
**Headteacher**