



Penryn  
College

*'Achieving through Challenge'*

3 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer(s)

It will be wonderful to welcome everyone back to Penryn College the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> September. I hope you and your family have had a good summer and are looking forward to a return to the school routine! I thought it may be useful to clarify a few things before the new term, so please see some important information below.

### **Covid precautions**

#### Positive cases

As you know, we no longer have jurisdiction to track and trace students who are contacts of positive Covid cases. We would, however, like to remind you that should your child test positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days from when they first displayed symptoms, or from the first day after a positive test - whichever comes first. It is worth noting that, should your child test positive on a lateral flow test, that they will need to obtain a PCR test within two days.

#### Face coverings

You may know that, due to a high number of Covid cases, the government has designated Cornwall as an 'Enhanced Response Area' (ERA). This means that the county will receive extra resources to help stop the spread of Covid. As part of the efforts to help reduce infection rates, we have been instructed to ensure face coverings are worn by staff and students when moving around the building, but not in classrooms; this also applies to those travelling on school and public transport. Public Health England will review these measures when we are two weeks into the term.

If you would like your child to be exempt from wearing a face covering during these times, please e-mail Mrs Cooper via [vcooper@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:vcooper@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk). If you have previously informed us that you would like your child to be exempt from wearing a face covering, please reconfirm this with Mrs Cooper.

#### Other safety measures

- We have been asked to encourage all students and members of staff to test twice weekly;
- We will be continuing with our ring road for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 pupils, which has been very successful over the past 12+ months;
- We have retained our sanitiser provision, along with cleaning around the school.



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## Access to school site

A reminder of our request for parents/carers to drop off and collect students off-site unless your child has specific requirements or attends the ARB. If you feel there is a specific reason to drop your child onto the school site, please contact Mrs Cooper via [vcooper@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:vcooper@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk).

## Return to school and testing

In order to carry out the Covid lateral flow testing required by the government, we have organised a staggered start to the term, with different days and start times for each year group, as follows. Please note that this information was included in the letter e-mailed to all parents/carers at the end of last term.

### Start dates

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September - **Year 11**
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September - **Year 7**
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September - **Year 8 and 10**
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September - **Year 9**

### Arrival times

#### ***Year 11 – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September***

- Students who travel to school on the bus - please arrive at 8.40am;
- Students who can be dropped by parents/carers - please arrive at 9.00am-9.10am;
- Students who can walk to school - please arrive at 9.20am-9.40am;
- Please walk straight to the TISA upon arrival.

#### ***Year 7 – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September***

- Please meet your tutor in the TISA; parents/carers will be able to stay with their child during testing;
- Students in Mr Chanter's (DC) and Mr Cheetham's (AC1) tutor group, and those arriving by bus, to meet in the TISA at 8.40am;
- Students in Mr Bidgood's (CB6), Miss Evans' (LGE), and Miss Hankins' (DH) tutor groups to meet in the TISA at 9.15am;
- Students in Mrs Pointon's (NP), Mrs Duke's (ND) and Miss Real's (MIR) tutor groups to meet in the TISA at 9.45am.

#### ***Year 10 - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September***

- Students who travel to school on the bus - please arrive at 8.40am;
- Students who can be dropped by parents/carers - please arrive at 9.00am-9.10am;
- Students who can walk to school - please arrive at 9.20am-9.40am;
- Please walk straight to the TISA upon arrival.



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### **Year 8 - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

- Students who travel to school on the bus - please arrive at 8.40am (please bring something to occupy yourselves in the TISA whilst you are waiting);
- Students who can be dropped by parents/carers - please arrive at 11.00am;
- Students who can walk to school - please arrive at 11.20am;
- Please walk straight to the TISA upon arrival.

### **Year 9 - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

- Students who travel to school on the bus arrive at 8.40am;
- Students who can be dropped by parents/carers - please arrive at 9.00am-9.10am;
- Students who can walk to school please arrive at 9.20am-9.40am;
- Please walk straight to the TISA upon arrival.

Once a year group has started, they will continue to attend school for the remainder of the term. We have given specific times (see above) for students to arrive in order to avoid long waiting times; however, if the times are inconvenient for you, please send your child in for a normal 8.40am start.

### **IMPORTANT - TESTING CONSENT FORMS**

If you are happy to provide consent for your child to take part in the Covid testing and you **have not** previously completed a consent form, or your information has changed, please click [here](#).

### **Uniform and PE kit collection**

#### Uniform

If you are purchasing new uniform for your child, please check the uniform guidance on the school website (click [here](#) to access). Should you have any difficulties or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Edgson via [ledgson@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:ledgson@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk). Please note that school shoes must be non-branded.

#### PE kit collection

PE kit that has been pre-ordered can be collected from the school between 2.30pm and 4.30pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

### **School reception and phone calls**

Please note that, on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, there will be no-one on the school reception or answering phone calls until 11.30am - this is to allow time for off-site staff training.

### **The new school year**

Finally, we are really looking forward to welcoming all students back to school next week, including our new Year 7 pupils! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact the school via [secretary@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk), or on 01326 372379.

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