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Dear Parents

School closures update

Thank you all for your messages of support and thanks to our staff, I hope that my letter finds you all safe and well. As promised I wish to provide you with an update now that we have had a chance to assess our key worker and vulnerable children numbers across the Trust. This week staff are in school to care for essential key worker and vulnerable children, but school will close on Friday 27th March and will remain closed until further notice. From Monday 30th March we will be working with a designated Hub school, Truro Learning Academy. Essential key worker and vulnerable children from Cusgarne, and Shortlanesend School can, if absolutely necessary, attend Truro Learning Academy. Available staff from the three schools will be working on a shift rota, so that children have at least one or two familiar adults with them at all times. We realise that this will mean a little more travelling for those families needing to send their child/children to school during this unprecedented time, but it is important that we use our resources as wisely as possible, and to protect our staff and our communities in any way we can.

If you have registered with Aspire as a key worker you will receive a booking form link via email towards the end of this week, to book your child/children in when absolutely necessary for week commencing 30th March. As mentioned above this facility will be at Truro Learning Academy, Albany Road, Truro, TR1 3PQ.

A second communication will be sent out regarding the home learning packs, accessible through our website, but please remember that above all else that yours and the children's wellbeing is paramount. These resources are being



made available as a support mechanism rather than as an imperative, so support your child in their learning if you are able, but please don't stress.

Cusgarne School can still be contacted from Monday 30th March, should you have an urgent enquiry, via secretary@cusgarne.org or by our usual telephone 01872 863563 which will be redirected to a member of our staff team.

I will keep you updated via the Arbor app and our school website. We are here to support our school family, in these challenging and unsettling circumstances. I, and all the staff, wish you all good health and look forward to welcoming the children back to Cusgarne as soon as it is safe to do so.

And remember, sometimes we're tested not to show our weaknesses, but to discover our strengths.

Kind regards

Tim Barnard Head of School