



The last day of school is Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Term dates for 2020/2021 can be viewed from the below link:

<http://www.st-francis.cornwall.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/STF-Term-Dates-2020.21-1.pdf>

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your engagement with our virtual transitions through this week. I hope your children found it beneficial to have an opportunity to meet their new teacher for September and have a chance to ask some questions. I also hope you found the sessions for parents useful to find out a bit about the year ahead and meet the teachers also. As explained in previous communications, additional transition and support has been planned for when the children are back to school in September, and we will be holding parent consultations (these may well be virtual) in the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> September as part of our plans to ensure that the children settle well into their new classes and new school routines. These consultations will also provide an opportunity to talk about your child's learning and their next steps.

This week, we have shared with you our plans for the return of all pupils from September, and these can be found on our website. The Government have said that the guidance for reopening schools will be updated on 11<sup>th</sup> August, and so please be reminded that all plans are subject to change depending on this update. Throughout this entire period, we have adapted our approach and provision as guided by the expectations set by the Government – sometimes at very short notice! Thank you for your continuing support and patience with this; it is truly appreciated, and I apologise now if I have to email updated plans over the summer holidays!

I know many of you are concerned about what will happen if the country sees a second wave of COVID-19, if we experience a local lockdown or if you as a family are required to self-isolate. Alongside our plans for the full reopening in September, we are continuing to build our online home learning platform so that we can swiftly switch to a blended learning approach should this be required. As part of Kernow Learning, we will be working towards using Microsoft Teams and setting up an online learning area for each year group. More on this will follow in the new academic year, but I wanted to reassure you that we are continuously reviewing our home learning approach in-line with guidance, researching what other schools are doing and from direct feedback from you as our parents. The online zoom sessions have really been welcomed by the majority of our families, and we know that providing contact with teachers is a key part of this provision that we will take forward and further develop.

The home learning area will stay live over the summer holiday period, but will be scaled back to include the key skills of spelling and maths fluency. We will also provide links to a variety of useful websites for reading and additional learning resources. If you wanted to direct your child to specific learning the CGP books which are available to buy are a useful resource. There is no expectation for children to complete additional learning over the summer holidays, but we wanted to provide you with an area that you could use should you wish to.

We would love to celebrate the learning that the children have completed at home when they return in September. If you send the children's books in during the first week back, their new class teacher would really value seeing this. To ensure that we reduce transmission risk, the children will put their books in a box and we will leave them untouched for 72 hours before sharing and celebrating efforts in class.

I hope you enjoyed receiving your child's alternative end of year report this week – we thought it would be a really lovely way for the children (and you) to focus on lots of the positive memories they will have of this year. I really enjoyed seeing how much we crammed in to 2 terms of the year, with a range of visits, visitors and special days to enhance our learning. Included with the reports was an accompanying letter for you to provide us with feedback. We really appreciate all feedback as it helps us further develop provision in the coming year.

Next week, we plan to say goodbye to our year 6 children by hosting a socially distanced cream tea on the school field. Parents will receive the leaver's assembly via a CD format this year, for them to enjoy in their own homes. It is sad to see them go but also very exciting to see them starting a new part of their learning journey; we wish them every success in their next chapter.

I am very aware that there has been lots of information that has come out to you over the past few days, please let us know if there is anything that needs clarifying. The last day of term is Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July so please ensure you email or call us before then, as school will be closed over the summer holiday period.

We are truly so looking forward to seeing you all in September, and we wish you as restful a summer break as you are able to. Thank you for all your support through what has been an incredibly challenging time. On Wednesday, we will share with you a special end of year goodbye from us all.

Take care everyone



Hannah Stevens

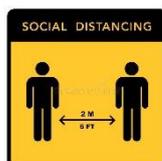
### Laptops

The school lent a number of laptops out to families to support with completion of Home Learning. If your child is currently using a school laptop, please ensure this is returned to school week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> July so that it can be cleared and prepared for use again in September.



Now that there are more children back in school, please can we respectfully remind all parents to ensure social distancing with other parents/carers when dropping off/collecting your children from school and respect the 2-metre rule that we have in place.

Many thanks.



## Year 6 Leavers Celebrations

Information has been emailed out regarding the plans for our Year 6 leavers. If you did not receive a copy of the letter, you can view it on the below link.

<http://www.st-francis.cornwall.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/update-Y6-leavers.pdf>



## Lost Property

We still have loads of named PE kits, uniform etc at school. These have been left in the school office. Anything left after Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July will be disposed of.

You can come to collect on Monday – Wednesday between 10am -2pm. Only one parent will be allowed in the office at a time, and please be mindful and respect the 2metre social distant rules we have in place

Thank you.



## School Uniform

Castle Sports & Uniform have issued guidance on ordering uniform from them, full details can be found on the below link.

<http://www.st-francis.cornwall.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Guidance-for-ordering-school-uniform.pdf>

Orders for uniform can also be placed online via

<https://www.castlesports.co.uk/st-francis-school>

The order deadline to guarantee delivery in time for the new school year is Saturday 8th August.



Cornwall Music Service Trust are hosting a Virtual Summer School, which starts on 3<sup>rd</sup> August. For full details and an application form, click on the below link

[https://www.cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/news?fbclid=IwAR2cHDFIamdVW\\_nvuntir01LyS09eEbAx4hKtVtLYc1J97ncs4DfndBgwm0](https://www.cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/news?fbclid=IwAR2cHDFIamdVW_nvuntir01LyS09eEbAx4hKtVtLYc1J97ncs4DfndBgwm0)



Over these past 4 months, we have received many kind words and messages, which we have enjoyed reading. It really means a lot to the staff and we are very grateful. We have shared some of them below.

# Thank You

Just a quick message to say thank you! The schools daily, if not hourly, communication has been fantastic. Very precise & easy to understand

Thank you to you guys for all the support you have given us parents especially during this difficult time.

Thank you so very much for everything you have all done at St. Francis in the build up to the return to school and throughout lockdown.

As a parent I feel blessed that my child attends this school. It just shows with how much communication you share frequently and the support you offer is one of the best.

Thank you so much for all your hard work and keeping us informed.

Thank you very much for opening and allowing the children back in and making the best possible in this situation for them.

Just like to say thank you for the hard work the school has done and doing for the safety of our children.

Thank you for all of your frequent updates, you are all doing a brilliant job.

I just wanted to let you know how hugely appreciative I am of the seamless and amazingly well co-ordinated support that has been offered to all of my children throughout this really difficult time. The logistics of staff working at the hub, preparing work for children and still staying in touch by phone and letter has been amazing and is a real testament to what a fabulous school my children are lucky to attend. Therefore, I just wanted you to know how genuinely touched and grateful I am for all of your team's selflessness, it's very humbling.

I have just opened and read your email to parents with the health and wellbeing newsletter and want to say thank you. It has resonated with me and I'm sure lots of other parents too. I love the ideas for self-care and the fact that it is ok to be having a wobble. Thank you so much for thinking of us all, as always and sharing your wealth of knowledge and expertise with us.

The grids are an absolute godsend Thank you

Thank you for all the reassurance you have been giving at the truly challenging time.



Thank you for your updates you have handled this amazing and I'm proud to have my child in your school

Thank you so much!  
Amazing people!

Thank you for taking the time to respond to them. It really does help them, and reinforces our opinion as parents, that St Francis School was the best choice for our children.

It is really heart-warming to know that you are all there to support us and give us tools to get through this difficult time. Thank you all for letting us know that you are there even though the children are not at school

Thanks for all that you are doing!  
And great job on the home-schooling support  
Your care, support and love is just amazing

Thank you to all at St Frances for everything you have done for my daughter she has her best memories she will treasure for ever

Thank you for the amazing way you have handled this. Kids are going to miss school and their friends but they are not at all scared and that's due to the fantastic care and support you have given them and us. Hope all of you and your families stay safe and well

A brilliant team is a reflection of its leadership. You and Team Green are beyond amazing!

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Thank you, team St Francis you have been absolutely amazing with your communication, and thank you for all your support

I think the response from your school has been amazing. You've been given 0 time to act on an unprecedented situation yet you've handled it so well.

All the staff are amazing at the Falmouth hub. Thank you for looking after my children, they are loving it.

We love you St Francis  
Well done team St Francis!  
You are all awesome!  
Thank you for all the updates and being so fantastic at supporting our little ones

I feel so very lucky to have you as our school. You guys are the best and have dealt with this amazingly. The tears on show today are testament to the great staff and show how much we will miss you all.

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I'd also like to say thank you for all your speedy updates and support for the children in these anxious times





Dear Parents and Carers,

Although I will continue to lead and manage Falmouth MAT until the end of August 2020, this will be my last chance to contribute to each school's newsletter.

***Falmouth MAT would like to thank you for your support since 2017***

I would like to start by thanking the Trustees for appointing me to this interim role as CEO. There have been many challenges but it has been a pleasure to work with your children, our wonderful staff and hardworking school leaders. It has been a demanding time since the Government asked us to close the schools on March 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 and our three headteachers have worked tirelessly with their teams to ensure that children can access learning at home and return safely to school. Plans are nearing completion for the full return of all children to school in September.

Our Trust Board met on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July to formally approve the transfer of Falmouth School to The Roseland MAT and King Charles CE and St Francis CE to Kernow Learning. The legal documentation now has to be sent to the Department of Education to be signed off by the Secretary of State. We are nearly there and our three schools are working closely with their new Trust leaders. It would help us in closing down Falmouth MAT if you could ensure that you have paid any outstanding bills by the end of term. Thank you.

Our finance staff have been busily paying back to parents all residential payments and I hope that you have all received these. Please let your school offices know if you have not.

**The Sport's Hub at Falmouth School**

You may have heard that indoor gyms can reopen from the **25<sup>th</sup> July 2020** and our Sport's Hub will fully reopen from this date. Until then, we are running a number of outside workshops and classes. Details are available from the Sport's Hub website.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome I have had while working for the Trust and I wish you all a happy and sunny summer holiday!

Mark Lees

Interim CEO.

*St Francis School where every person matters, every person helps, every person succeeds*