



## BISHOP CORNISH CHURCH OF ENGLAND V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and carers,

On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to thank you for all your support that you are giving the school during this second lockdown. As Mrs Green has stated in previous letters, schools are only finding out the information that affects them, at the same time it is announced in the Press and are then having to work reactively and quickly to put in place measures required. We are so very grateful to those of you who are able to keep your children home so that school isn't overwhelmed, and we also extend our grateful thanks to those of you who are providing crucial support in various ways.

I would also like to take this opportunity to again thank all of our dedicated and hardworking staff, whose commitment to our children is unstinting. Repetition of our thanks does not in any way diminish how grateful we are to them for all they do.

I want to also update you on our recruitment process for finding a new Headteacher. Mrs Green was intending to retire at Easter, meaning we would have a new Head in place at the start of the summer term. Unfortunately, Covid and its subsequent restrictions have made us reassess our timeline in the interests of finding the very best Headteacher to appoint to lead Bishop Cornish. Ordinarily, candidates would be invited to look around the school in advance of submitting an application and this would give them a really good feel for the school and assess whether it is what they are looking for. In addition, as part of the interview process, we believe it is absolutely crucial for candidates to have the chance to meet the children and interact with them (and for the children to help interview the candidate too) – this gives us a really good indication as to what sort of a teacher they are! Obviously, neither of these things can happen at the moment and so we believe the best course of action is to postpone the process until restrictions have eased. We will be reopening advertising at the end of February with a closing date of 26<sup>th</sup> March with interviews to take place after the Easter break, with the hope that lockdown will have eased, making it easier for freedom of movement and all-important interaction.

To that end, we are very grateful to Mrs Green who has agreed to stay on for the summer term whilst we do this. We really want to find the best person for our school and think that this gives us the best chance to do that.

Thank you for all your support for the school family.

Every blessing,

Teresa Lindeyer  
Chair of Governors

