

Truro School COVID Steering Group Bulletin No.12 (4 Dec 2020)

Truro School has had another very good week without notification of any new Covid cases and hence no recourse to our Track, Trace or isolation procedures.

Covid Steering Group Updates from Week 11 (30 Nov – 4 December):

1. **Covid-caution.** Please, as always, keep reinforcing the need for regular and thorough hand washing and adherence to school safety guidance, including face coverings. As lockdown is lifted we remain keen to keep safety at the forefront of our minds with the intention that the Christmas break will be one families can plan for without the need for any isolation.
2. **Covid feedback survey.** Thank you to parents who have already completed our survey. The more responses we receive, the more helpful this survey will be to the school.
3. **LAMDA.** The CSG is delighted to have given the go ahead for LAMDA exams (12/13 Dec) for Prep and Senior pupils. These had been postponed earlier in the term due to the then Covid climate.
4. **Snow.** Our Emergency Closure protocols in the event of snow have been updated and information has been supplied in the main bulletin.
5. **Austerity Day.** At Christmas time many of us reflect on where we are and have been fortunate. Our collections last week for the Wave Project and St Petrocs were part of that commitment. After a term in which our kitchen staff have continued to provide and adapt in a challenging and occasionally hostile climate, we have asked them to focus their planning for Covid-safe Christmas lunches at the end of term. The difficult decision was hence taken to postpone our usual austerity day, when we would rein back our food offering to stimulate community reflection on the objectively greater needs of others locally, nationally, and internationally, compared to our own. The message of this day is still relevant, however, and reminds us to be grateful for what we have, and what the team have been able to deliver this year so far.
6. **Parent Parking.** We have had concerns expressed to us this week by Halfords about parents using their car park for Senior school pick up. Please can we ask for sensitivity here.
7. **Public Examinations 2021.** This week there was an update from the DfE. It is, overall, good news for the pupils at Truro School and we support its intentions nationally also. The Deputy Head (Academic) Dr Pope will be writing directly to parents of public examination year group pupils next week to outline our initial responses and our forward planning ahead of next term in light of what we have now had confirmed by the DfE.

Looking ahead:

Last week I mentioned some of the festive planning that is in train for the rest of term. The engagement of pupils and staff with this is indeed joyous and uplifting to see. Next week's CSG bulletin will be the last before Christmas, and I look forward to providing more updates then.

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