**COVID PLAN UPDATE:**

Despite the current restrictions on face to face meetings, it has been a real privilege to get to talk to so many parents of children at St Hilary over the course of the last two weeks. The general consensus from you all has been extremely positive, with people generally happy with the logistical arrangements at the school. I have also had numerous parents enquiring generally as to how things are going at school, I would like to take this opportunity to say how positively the plan for the full re-opening of school has been put into place – thank you to everyone for making this happen!

In terms of key aspects to revisit this week can I ask for your complete cooperation and support with the following:

* Please can you ensure that you and your children do not come to school in the mornings and afternoons before your designated drop off or pick up slots. This is a key element of our return to school plan to reduce the number of crossovers between classes and bubbles of children in the school. We all appreciate that these timings can cause difficulties for parents with drop off and pick-ups, but it is for the health and safety of the school community and must be adhered to. If you are experiencing issues with this, please remember that the school wrap around care is now in place and can be booked via the school gateway app – as per the letter emailed to all parents on Tuesday 8th September.
* While we are very pleased that so many people have been walking to school in recent weeks, please can we reinforce the latest government guidance which restricts any gathering of more than 6 people. In particular, I am referring to large groups of children walking, on mass, to school with no accompanying adults. Again, I am pleased to see such a healthy approach to the school drop off but need to ensure all of our children are sticking to the latest government regulations.
* Can I please ask for every adult associated with the school to read the letter from Cornwall Council, which is attached as a separate letter. This explains the council’s current perspective on the situation regarding illness in schools at present and the process to follow if any family members display coronavirus symptoms (which it also clarifies).
* Can I once again reinforce the importance of maintaining physical distancing as adults on the playgrounds and outside the school gates – not only does this help to keep everyone safer but also helps to alleviate people’s very real and understandable anxieties about the virus.

Once again, thank you for you continuing support with helping to keep our school community safe and following the school’s, Cornwall’s and the Government’s guidance for the current situation.