

BOSKENWYN



# Boskenwyn School

## Newsletter

29th September 2023

### MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

I can't believe we will be stepping into October this weekend, time certainly flies when you're having fun. I'd like to share with you a comment made by one of our Romanian visitors last week. She has worked in lots of schools in Romania and now works for the National Agency and visits schools all over

Europe, including Finland, as part of her role in developing the education system in Romania. She said, "Your schools are the best schools I have ever visited. The environment is beautiful with the natural materials, the children are all happy and excited to share their learning, the staff are happy and friendly, this is rare!" I was so proud to hear that; we are so lucky to have such wonderful children, staff and parents to make this a reality so thank you all.

Next week we will be doing husting for the school parliament. Last year, the MP's did a great job in helping to improve the outdoor environment and we are looking forward to working with them again this year, also with the Eco-committee. We will announce our new MP's next week.

It will soon be our Harvest Festival which we have decided to combine with our talent show. Because of this it may be a little longer than usual.

I hope to see you all at the parent governor meeting next week. Please don't be put off by the name of the meeting, it is an informal meeting to discuss anything school related, answer queries, have a chat and a cuppa etc. Maybe at the first meeting we can change the name to something a bit more inviting!

Have a lovely weekend, Paula Blackburn

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Parents Governor Meeting**

Tuesday 3rd October 9am

#### **Individual & Sibling Photos**

Friday 6th October from 08:30

#### **Harvest Festival & Talent Show**

Gweek Village Hall Tuesday 17th October  
2pm. All welcome!

Please collect your child from the Hall.

#### **Sports for Schools Event**

Tuesday 7th November athlete visit to  
school in the morning

#### **Parents Governor Meeting**

Thursday 30th November 3pm

#### **KS2 Christmas Production**

Monday 4th December. Afternoon and  
evening performances. Gweek Village Hall.

#### **School Christmas Lunch!**

Tuesday 12th December

#### **Last Day of School before Christmas!**

Tuesday 19th December. Break up 1:30pm

#### **Parents Governor Meeting**

Tuesday 23rd January 9am

#### **Parents Governor Meeting**

Thursday 29th February 3pm

#### **Parents Governor Meeting**

Tuesday 23rd April 9am

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Sports Day**

Tuesday 18th June 2pm

#### **Parents Governor Meeting**

Thursday 20th June 3pm

#### **Leavers' Service**

Tuesday 23rd July 2:30pm

#### **Last Day of Term - half day!**

Wednesday 24th July 1:30pm

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

#### **Mondays**

KS2 Lego Engineers with Mr  
Hemsley  
KS1 Young Engineers with Mr  
Watson.

#### **Wednesday lunchtimes**

KS2 Choir

#### **Tuesdays**

Eco Club for all children with  
Mrs Rusga and Miss  
Schellekens.

#### **Thursdays**

Multiskills Sports Club for all  
children with Mrs Care.

Please email Linda to enrol  
your child onto a club.

## CLASS UPDATE

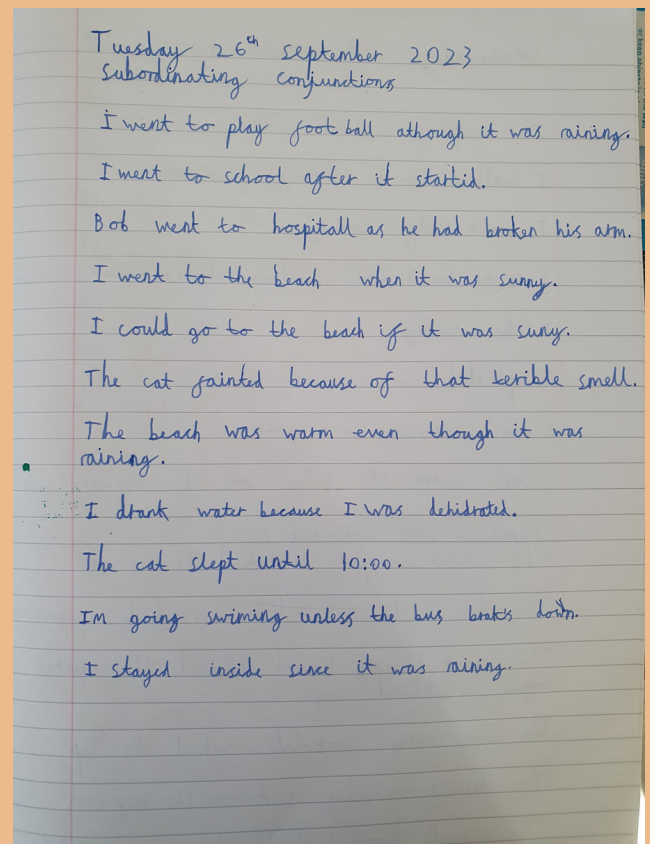
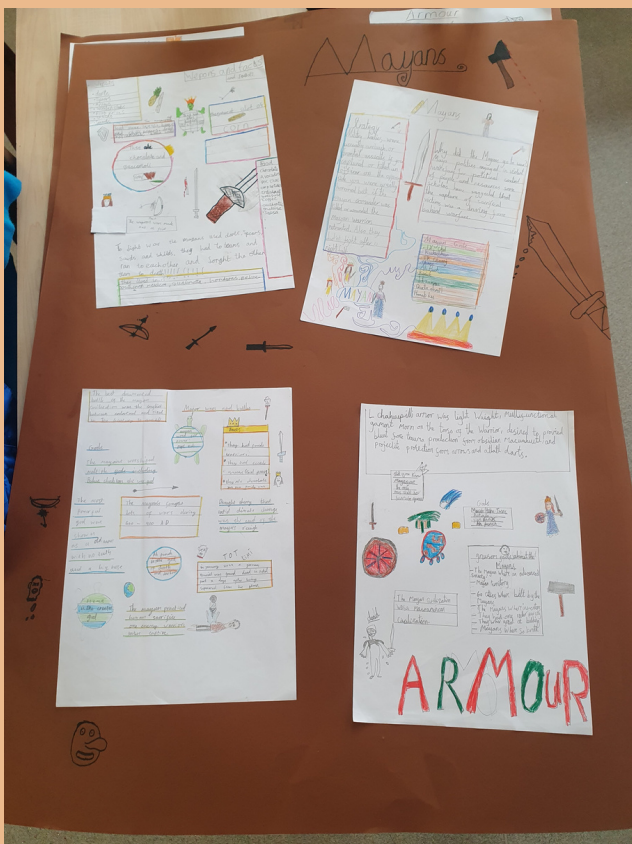
### Poldhu Class Update

Poldhu have been taking part in an intensive 2-week swimming programme where they swim every afternoon. They thoroughly enjoyed it and Miss Willoughby and Mrs Winter are very impressed with the progress they have made. The pool staff have commented that they are one of the nicest school groups that they have ever taught.

This week sees the end of our grammar unit. The children have worked really hard learning about nouns and verbs and ensuring that they show what they have learnt in their writing.

In inquiry we have been learning about warfare through the ages and this week the children presented their learning to the class.

There is a buzz around the forthcoming talent show and harvest festival and we are looking forward to seeing a lot of children from Poldhu perform.



## REMINDERS

Please remember to close all gates as you enter and leave the school grounds to help keep our children safe.

If you arrive after 8.45 (KS2) or 9.00 (KS1) please take your child to the office to sign them in.

If your child is going to be off, please phone the school office, 01326 572618, before 8:45am.

Take care with children when crossing the road as some traffic is travelling very fast.

**Please do not park across the staff car park and obstruct the entrance.**

## SWISS STUDENTS

Last summer we successfully hosted 5 Swiss Students at Boskenwyn school, the previous year we hosted 6 students.

The children really enjoyed having the Students present in their classes, and the Students had a fabulous time both at the school, and with their host families.

This year, we will be hosting our Swiss students from Sunday 23rd June to Saturday 6th July 2024.

Host families receive £300 per student. For that, you will need to provide accommodation, all their meals, bring them to school and pick them up each day. (We are happy to send more than one student to the same family and the students can share a bedroom). The students are all CRB checked and they can provide proof of this. The students will be aged around 17-18 years old. They are German speaking, but they all speak excellent French and English.

If you are interested, please let Linda know so we can give a rough estimate of numbers to the Swiss School.

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL FT BOSKENWYN'S GOT TALENT**

**Tuesday 17th October 2pm Gweek Village Hall**

Running order:

Introduction: Autumn days Harvest song (whole school)  
Harvest poems (key stage 2)

Talent show

Line up of bands: (band name/ names/song title)

- 1) If I were Your Smelly Pig (Wilbur, Max, Torren, Mr Height) Hostiles on the Hills
- 2) The Puffins (Jem, Leo, Alfie) You are my Sunshine.
- 3) The Vulcans (Woody, Diggory) Somebody I used to Know.
- 4) The Fighters (Freya, Mistee, Flo, Ana-Maria) Seven Nation Army
- 5) The Starlings (Marna, Nico, Robin, Ariel, Bonnie)
- 6) The Wild Ones (Iris, Ramona) Running up that Hill
- 7) Beetroots (Bryher, Tawnie, Ana-Maria) Beautiful
- 9) Tristan Thompson, Guinea Pig (Patrick as stage crew)
- 10) The Beetles (Rowan Ashe, Robin B)

Auction of goods – hosted by Miss Blackburn

Tea/coffee/cake will be on sale after the talent show and before the auction.  
We hope to see you there. Donated goods for auction can be brought into school from 2nd October or on the day if they are fresh produce.

Thank you for your support

Mr Height/Miss Blackburn



## **FOBS NEWS**

Please find us on Facebook "Boskenwyn FOBS", it's a useful information sharing platform for everything school related.

### **Your FOBS Team**

We are delighted to announce that Reception parent Nicky Richardson has taken on the role of FOBS Chair for now.

Nicky will liaise with the school about events and then get the FOBS team organised.

As Nicky is new to the school it will very much be a team effort:

Nicky will be assisted by Sophie Hertzum (year 3 parent) who is the Vice-Chair (helps to organise events etc) and Tiffany Thompson (year 3 parent) who is the Secretary of FOBS (takes notes in meetings, helps at events).

Also on the FOBS committee is Ben Harrington (year 3 parent) who is the Treasurer. Ben deals with all of the money raised at FOBS events, does the banking and provides the cash floats and a card machine at events as well as helping out.

There are also plenty of parents who are part of FOBS and help out when they can.





## **PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL**

Recently, we have received comments that it is difficult to get clear access to or from the school due to cars parking outside the school which are blocking the road.

Please can we ask you to park respectfully when collecting your children? Other parents or guardians, local residents and possibly emergency services need clear access along our narrow lane.

We deliberately separate arrival and departure times for KS1 and KS2 children to enable parents to arrive and leave before the next tranche of parents. If you are collecting your KS1 child and do not need to wait for a KS2 sibling, then please can you drive away to give your parking place to another parent?

As lovely as it is for parents to chat in the school grounds,, we simply do not have the parking space to accommodate this.



## **NO CLIMBING PLEASE!**

PLEASE DO NOT LET YOUR CHILDREN CLIMB THE WALLS, NETBALL POSTS AND GATES!

All of these things are not meant to be climbed on and they will break!  
Thank you!



Toge ther for Families

# Early Help Parenting Newsletter – Autumn 2023

**Free** information, support and guidance for parents and carers.

## Need help? Solihull Online

Contact the Early Help Hub on 01872 322277 for support, advice and guidance.

If you have immediate concerns, are worried about a child or young person's safety, please telephone the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) on 033 123 1116.

## Parenting Support Workshops

We offer interactive parenting programmes both online and face to face. More information about our parenting support on offer can be found at: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting)

The programmes currently available are:

- **Being Passionate About Parenting Early Years** – 1-3 years (3 x 2-hour sessions)
- **Being Passionate About Parenting** – 4-11 years (3 x 2-hour sessions)
- **Take 3** – Supporting Teenagers 12-17 years (5 x 2-hour virtual sessions or 10 x 2-hour face to face sessions)
- **Living with Parents** – a one day workshop for parents and their young person aged 12 to 17 years.
- **Understanding your child with additional needs** – a self-guided course accessed through Solihull:  
<https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/36>

To access the course, please register for an account using the code TAMAR



FREE access to self-guided parenting courses for parents and carers in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk) Free Access Code: TAMAR

## SPACE

Want to support and understand your child's emotions as well as our own? Why not attend FREE Supporting Parents and Children Emotionally (SPACE) sessions. For more information and/or to register your interest please email: [space@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:space@cornwall.gov.uk)

## Supporting Healthy Relationships

Reducing conflict between parents is one of the most effective ways to improve the lives of their children – including mental health and emotional stability, behaviour, helping them to do better in school, and improving the quality of their life long-term.

To find out more on Supporting Healthy Relationships including helpful resources and future courses, please visit: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting)

## Family Information Service

For useful parenting information, updates on parenting programmes and Parenting Podcasts please access the Family Information Service website [www.supportincornwall.org.uk](http://www.supportincornwall.org.uk)



## Social Prescribing Cornwall

Linking people with non-clinical sources of support within the community.

[www.socialprescribingcornwall.org.uk](http://www.socialprescribingcornwall.org.uk)

## Hunrosa



Sleep is essential for our children to grow, learn, promote immunity and good mental health. Children with neurodiversity are likely to find sleep more difficult. Hunrosa have experience and expertise in supporting families, so come to our friendly sleep session to learn about ways you can help your child to sleep better. Please contact your Healthcare Provider should you wish to have them refer you for sleep services. <https://hunrosa.co.uk/>

## Kooth & Qwell



Kooth offer free, safe and anonymous mental health support for young people aged 11-19 years.

<https://www.kooth.com/>

Qwell offers mental health support for ALL parents and carers of all ages as well as 19-25 years.

<https://www.qwell.io/>

## Headstart Kernow



Parents and carers wellbeing workshops providing support to help you navigate the journey of raising a child in a fast-changing world and to guide you to available services and support and to promote helpful conversation.

[www.headstartkernow.org.uk](http://www.headstartkernow.org.uk)

## Just for Dads



For information tailored just for you check out:

[www.supportincornwall.org.uk/fordads](http://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/fordads)

[DadPad | The Essential Guide for New Dads | Support Guide for New Dads \(thedadpad.co.uk\)](#)

## Homestart Kernow



Parents can struggle at one time or another, you are not alone. Home-Start's volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support. They help people to regain the confidence to be the parents they want to be.

[www.homestartkernow.org.uk](http://www.homestartkernow.org.uk)

## Reconnect/The Susie Programme



Giving children the time, space, and skills to have a loving relationship with themselves and others following Domestic Abuse. As well as providing adults with a support programme to enable you to positively move forward with your life.

[www.saferfutures.org.uk/online-referral/](http://www.saferfutures.org.uk/online-referral/)

## Citizens Advice

Giving people the knowledge and confidence, they need to find their way forward - whoever they are, and whatever their problem - Adviceline: 0800 144 8848 or text the word ADVICE to 78866 and they will call you back within 48 hours (excluding weekends). [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

## Neurodiversity Videos

Some short videos around neurodiversity.

Adolescents with ADHD:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGSHcHcVnIo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGSHcHcVnIo)

Walk in My Shoes:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSKvazfTLv8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSKvazfTLv8)

For more information on Neurodiversity go to:

[www.pdasociety.org.uk](http://www.pdasociety.org.uk)

[www.adhdfoundation.org.uk](http://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk)

[www.autism.org.uk](http://www.autism.org.uk)

[www.bridgingtheneurodivide.com](http://www.bridgingtheneurodivide.com)

If you would like this information in another format please contact:

**Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY**

Email: [equality@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:equality@cornwall.gov.uk) Telephone: 0300 1234 100



[www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

## School information finder - Boskenwyn

What information do you need?	Where to find the information
I need to contact school urgently	Phone on 01326 572618
I need to contact school non-urgently	Email <a href="mailto:secretary.boskenwyn@fbgschools.co.uk">secretary.boskenwyn@fbgschools.co.uk</a> or email class teacher( name plus @fbgschools.co.uk)
I need to find a list of teachers	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school – Meet the staff
I need to know term dates	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info – Term dates
I need to see if my child has homework or upload their homework	See saw Reading records
I want to report my child absent from school	Phone call before 0900 on 01326 572618
I want to find out about upcoming dates, trips etc	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Calendar
I want to read a school policy	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school - Policies
I want to see the school development plan	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school – school development plan
I want to see what is on the lunch menu	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info – Menu Summer term (being refreshed at the end of October)
I want to find out about clubs	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info - Newsletter
I want to look at a past or present newsletter	School Website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info - Newsletter
I need to report a safeguarding matter to school	Phone or email 01326 572618 Paula Blackburn <a href="mailto:head@fbgschools.co.uk">head@fbgschools.co.uk</a> Angie Larcombe <a href="mailto:alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk">alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk</a> Denise Rusga <a href="mailto:drusga@fbgschools.co.uk">drusga@fbgschools.co.uk</a>



# IB learner profile

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

## As IB learners we strive to be:

### INQUIRERS

We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.

### KNOWLEDGEABLE

We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

### THINKERS

We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

### COMMUNICATORS

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

### PRINCIPLED

We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

### OPEN-MINDED

We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

### CARING

We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

### RISK-TAKERS

We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

### BALANCED

We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives—intellectual, physical, and emotional—to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.

### REFLECTIVE

We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

The IB learner profile represents 10 attributes valued by IB World Schools. We believe these attributes, and others like them, can help individuals and groups become responsible members of local, national and global communities.





# The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe Schools Home-School Promise



## Aims:

Our home-school promise aims to outline effective ways in which we can agree to work together to foster and maintain respectful and pro- active relationships with you and your child as they move through our schools.

## As a pupil, I promise to:

- Come to school with a positive attitude to learning
- Have mutual respect for my classmates and the staff
- Respect the resources, the classroom and whole school environment
- Be a positive role model in my community
- Try my best when learning and use the 4B's to help me
- Complete some home learning with my family or on my own
- Use online technology at school and at home safely and responsibly

## As a parent/carer, I/we promise to:

- Ensure my child attends school regularly and on time and in the correct uniform
- Ensure my child is collected on time unless I have informed the school otherwise
- Notify the school of any illness
- Give my child time every day to listen to them read or read to them or ask them questions about their reading
- Support my child's progress when learning at home
- Support school policy on learning and behaviour
- Ensure the school has up to date emergency contacts
- Notify the school if my child has any allergies/dietary requirements
- Notify school of any problems at home which may impact their learning or well-being
- Support the school in the teaching of safe internet use at home
- Attend parent consultations to discuss my child's learning and progress
- Regularly check emails, school website, Seesaw and/or social media for important school information
- Respond promptly to communications from the school where required
- Help my child to have a positive attitude to learning
- Talk positively to my child about their school day

## As a school, we promise to:

- Be open and welcoming, offering parents the opportunity to be involved in the life of the school
- Provide information and opportunities to support and reinforce learning at home
- Communicate regularly via email, text, website, (social media, phone, letter and face to face may also be used)
- Provide a bespoke, inquiry based curriculum which inspires and enriches
- Ensure children are sufficiently encouraged, supported and challenged
- Have high aspirations for what your child can achieve now and in the future
- Give children the tools to become confident, 21<sup>st</sup> century, lifelong learners
- Support children to feel safe and have a trusted adult to open up to
- Continue to learn and develop professionally and adapt our practice where we see the benefit of improvement
- Be available at the beginning or end of the school day to answer immediate queries or concerns
- Notify parents of events in good time via school website/email

## **SCHOOL CLOSURES IN EMERGENCY – AGREED NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE**

Please see the attached guidance from Cornwall Council. Sometimes schools have to make the decision to close either partially or fully due to inclement weather such as snow or other unforeseen circumstances. The procedures are revised annually.

The agreed notification Procedure for our school is:

- 1) We will inform Cornwall Council so they can update their website
- 2) We will inform local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM, Pirate FM) so they can make announcements and update their websites
- 3) We will post on our Facebook pages, "The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe School," "Boskenwyn FOBS" and "Germoe FROGS"

If you wake up to a blanket of snow in the near future then please make sure you check one or more of the above places to keep up to date with school closures, it may be that we open later or close earlier so you will need to check before coming to school. If the school needs to close whilst the children are there then we will contact all parents via phone.





# School emergency closures

## A guide for parents / carers

We recognise that the decision to close a school in the event of an emergency (eg snow, flooding, no water or heating) significantly impacts upon you, as parents / carers. This guide outlines the agreed procedure which all schools are asked to follow and offers advice to parents / carers on the key things to consider, both before and after the decision to close has been made.

### Guidance given to schools

Guidance and procedures are sent to all schools on an annual basis, usually at the start of the autumn term. To prevent the possibility of fraudulent school closures, schools are required to follow a verification process before providing school closure information. Schools are then asked to:

Undertake a risk assessment, using common sense to determine whether it is feasible for children and staff to remain in the school; and if not, what subsequent risks could arise by sending them home. Before school hours start, schools are also asked to assess if the roads are safe for children to travel to school.

Seek approval from the Governing Board (usually the decision of the Chair of Governors will suffice) to authorise the decision to close.

Notify Cornwall Council and the local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM and Pirate FM). Providing the school follow the agreed procedure, each of the radio stations have all agreed to broadcast details of all school closures.

We will publish a list of current school closures on the Cornwall Council website at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures) and on our social media channels.

### Social Media

- **Facebook**  
[www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall)
- **Instagram**  
[www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall)
- **Twitter**  
[www.twitter.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.twitter.com/TFFCornwall)

### Know your school's procedure

Although schools are asked to follow this procedure, schools will have their own plan of action to be followed in the event of a closure. This should include details of how parents will be notified (eg via radio, text message, social media, etc). It is essential that schools communicate their plan to all parents as early as possible, and equally that all parents familiarise themselves with the agreed plan.

### Who to contact

If the decision is made to close, you will be notified by the school's agreed notification procedure. Should you need to contact the school directly, please be aware that the line(s) may be busy or unavailable when a large number of parents are calling at the same time.

### Useful websites

- **Cornwall Snow Advice**  
[www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow)
- **Met Office**  
[www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk)
- **Environment Agency**  
[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)
- **Devon and Cornwall Police**  
[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

### Contact us

Email: [togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Call: **0300 1234 101**