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BUDEHAVEN
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: The need to enforce social distancing with your children

I hope you and your families are well. I am writing in response to a significant number of concerns that have been raised with me regarding gatherings of secondary school-aged children in and around Bude over the last few days. As I am unaware of which children this applies to, the sensible approach is to send a letter to all Budehaven parents. None of the people raising the concern have blamed the school, but they have all requested that as we have the contact details of all our parents, we raise this collectively. Apologies if you are following all the Government guidance, as most of you will be doing.

The following social distancing measures are steps we must all take to reduce social interaction between people. This will help reduce the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

They are to:

1. Completely avoid contact with someone who is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). These symptoms include high temperature and/or new and continuous cough.
2. Avoid non-essential use of public transport when possible.
3. Work from home, where possible. Your employer should support you to do this. Please refer to the Government's employer guidance for more information at the following website <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19>
4. Avoid **large and small** gatherings in **public spaces**, noting that pubs, restaurants, leisure centres and all similar venues are currently shut as infections spread easily in spaces where people gather together.
5. Avoid gatherings with friends and family. Keep in touch using remote technology such as phone, internet, and social media
6. Use telephone or online services to contact your GP or other essential services.

Everyone should be trying to follow these measures, whether they are displaying the symptoms or have been exposed to those displaying the symptoms or not.

Whilst we have organised limited supervision for children of key workers who cannot keep their children at home, if you can keep your child at home, and away from public places, including schools, the risk of transmission of Corona virus will be kept to a minimum. This is the safest option for your child.

Thank you for your support at this challenging time.

Yours faithfully,

Dominic Wilkes
Headteacher