

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome back to T Plus and Welcome to Spring Term 2019. We have a lot of exciting plans for this academic term. Our students have returned to school in a really settled way and we have been really pleased with the way they have all approached their work. Part of our school process is to seek the views and opinions of our staff, students and parents about how they view "T Plus," and how well it is meeting our young peoples needs. As part of this process you may receive a telephone call from a member of our staff asking you to complete a telephone questionnaire; this will help us to improve our work with you. We will also be asking our students for their views and we will publish the results as soon as they are available. If you would prefer not to complete the survey over the phone but would like to complete a paper copy, please tell the member of staff who calls and they will arrange this for you.

As always we are always here to help and support you. If you have any worries, concerns, or have anything that you would like us to know, then please contact us here at the school. The school number is **(01579) 342520** or alternatively you can email me as Head of Centre at barry.coppins@tpluscentres.co.uk. Best Wishes, Barry Coppins Head of Centre.

Term Dates 2019

Wednesday 9th January	First Day Term 3
Friday 15th February	Last Day Term 3
Monday 25th February	First Day Term 4
Friday 5th April	Last Day Term 4
Monday 22nd April	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 23rd April	School Closed Staff Training Day.
Wednesday 24th April	First Day Term 5
Friday 24th May	Last Day Term 5
Monday 3rd June	First Day Term 6
Thursday 25th July	Last Day Term 6

Mobile Phone/Messenger/Facebook

Thank you for supporting our mobile phone policy. The use of phones in school has shown a great deal of improvement over the past few weeks. Please can we make parents aware that we have had some issues with students sending each other threatening or abusive messages through Social Media. A number of our students are on various group chats and they often use these chats to 'banter' with each other. This 'banter' often over steps the line, and a great deal of anxiety and upset can be caused. They can also use these group chats to 'pick' on each other and send abusive messages. In some cases this can become a serious police matter which we would all like to avoid! We would be very grateful if you could spend some time talking to your child about their appropriate use of social media. We are also having these conversations in school with the students; the more we talk about these situations the less likely it is that they continue to be a problem.

School Website

Our website is now being regularly updated with information.
Please visit

www.tpluscentres.co.uk

The website contains lots of useful information about T Plus and your child's educational placement. This includes detailed curriculum information and Policy Documents.

Pupil Absence

If you know that your child is not going to be in school for any reason please contact the centre on **(01579) 342520** as soon as possible on the day of absence. Thank You!



Online Safety - Training and Information.

This week as part of our staff training we had a session on keeping our students and ourselves safe in the modern online world. We have enclosed a number of leaflets provided by South West Grid for Learning. We thought these might be helpful to you when supporting your youngster when they are online. We were also given the name of a very useful website that we wanted to share with you.

www.common sense media.org

On this website you can enter the name of games and films that your child is playing or watching. It will give you a detailed common sense review of the nature of the content and how appropriate it is for your youngster. It takes the common sense approach that the children will be playing the games but It also gives guidance from youngsters and parents about what you need to be aware of and also lists issues raised when playing the game. We have arranged further sessions with our trainer working directly with the students to help them to stay as safe, online as they can be. We will provide further details nearer the time. In the meantime visit common sense media you will be glad you did.

School closure procedure in the event of bad weather.

Now that winter is beginning to set in I thought it would be good to remind you about the schools procedures for School Closure in the event of bad weather. Hopefully we will not see a repeat of last years repeat closures. Closing the school in the event of bad weather is always the **last resort** and this decision will always be made having completed a full risk assessment and been approved by a Senior Manager.

Procedure: The school will contact the Local Authority and inform them of a full or partial closure. The school will then appear on the closure lists of the Cornwall Council website and also local media outlets such as Pirate FM and Heart FM.

Informing Parents and Transport Companies: A member of the Senior Leadership Team will contact parents directly as soon as is practically possible after the decision to close has been made. At this time, an **urgent contact number** will be given to parents in order to make contact with the school should they need too during the closure.

The school will also inform taxi companies at the same time. Parents do not need to contact the company again. A senior Leader from the school will be in touch through the day to discuss arrangements for the following day.

The school will **never** inform parents about a school closure by asking your child to pass on the message. This is true in every circumstance and will **never** change.

Updated School Policies

We have updated all of our school policies and these can be found on our school website. The policies include; Child Protection, Our Complaints Procedure, Attendance Policy, Special Educational Needs Policy, Attendance Policy and Behaviour Policy.

Please Visit <https://www.tpluscentres.co.uk/policies> for further information.