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Dear parents/carers,

Delayed opening of school

I am writing to inform you that following discussions with all staff and Governors of An Baya Primary Schools, St Mary's C of E Primary School and Madron Daniel C of E School have decided to delay the full opening of both schools until at least Monday 18th January.

This is not a decision we have taken lightly.

Our reasons for this decision are as follows:

- To keep all staff, children and our local community safe
- Advice from teaching unions to members to delay the start of term. We cannot guarantee that
 all staff are available and in present circumstances this is essential to guarantee the safety of all.
 All staff will be working safely providing remote learning and keeping in contact with you and
 your child.
- Recent rapid rise in coronavirus cases and infection rate
- Inevitable mixing of households over Christmas and the New Year

We will be starting remote learning for all children from **Wednesday 6**th **January**. More details of this will be sent out tomorrow.

School will be open for vulnerable children and for children of key workers as we were in March -June 2020.

If you are a key worker and need this provision then please email me at head@st-marys-ce-pz.cornwall.sch.uk with the days and times that you need.

We will be reviewing the situation with staff and governors on Thursday 14th January and will inform you about provision for the following week on that date. We are hopeful that we will be able to assure all of safety by Monday 18th January.

Please make sure that while you are at home that you are rigorously following all the guidance for our area to keep yourself, your child and our community safe.

Thank you for your continued support in these continuing challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

Hilary Tyreman, Head Teacher

Jeff Davis, Chair of Governors.