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NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th January 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

7th February - Year 11 Mock
Results Evening

22nd February- Post 16
Parents Evening

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24 Spring Term

4th January – 28th March 2024
(Half term 12-16 February 2024)

Headteacher's Message

January has been a busy but very productive month at TCC with several students going on multiple trips and visits alongside working hard in the classroom.

It has certainly been an interesting couple of weeks with yellow and amber Met Office warnings for adverse weather conditions, together with storm Isha and Jocelyn. Thankfully, the College was able to remain fully open during this period with little disruption or damage.

The Year 11 and 13 mock examinations are now coming to an end: attendance has been very good, and the students have risen to the challenge of tackling their different GCSE and A level past papers. We very much look forward to sharing results with our Year 11 students at their mock examination results evening on Wednesday 7th February. This will be an opportunity to recognise their achievements so far and ensure they are ready to work hard in preparation for their real exams in the spring. We also look forward to welcoming post 16 students/ parents/ carers to meet with teachers at parents evening on Thursday 22nd February.

Timings of the day from January 2024



Timings of the day.

Tutor	08:45 - 09:10 (25 mins)
Lesson 1	09:10 - 10:10 (60 mins)
Lesson 2	10:10 - 11:10 (60 mins)
Break	11:10 - 11:35 (25 mins)
Lesson 3	11:35 - 12:35 (60 mins)
Lesson 4	12:35 - 13:35 (60 mins)
Lunch	13:35 - 14:20 (45mins)
Lesson 5	14:20 - 15:20 (60 mins)



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The recent Year 9 options evening was very well attended, and many parents provided positive feedback, telling us that they found the evening highly informative as they learned more about the curriculum offer and choices in Year 10 and 11. Year 9 parents evening took place on Thursday 25th January, providing a further opportunity for discussions to take place with subject staff about the content of different courses. The deadline for all Year 9 option forms is Friday 2nd February.

Approximately fifty Year 10 students attended the experience day at Duchy College on Wednesday 24th January as part of the College's careers strategy, providing students with further careers education and skill development for life after school.

Thank you for the feedback you have given us regarding our intention to make a change to our uniform in September 2024 by introducing a new style skirt. We invite any further feedback from parents and carers by using the email address uniform@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk by the end of Friday 26th January.

Each school week seems to be moving very quickly, and with only two weeks left until the half term break, we will then be halfway through this academic year. There is a staff INSET training day on Monday 19th February and therefore the College will be closed to students on this day.

Dr Jeremy Plumb

Headteacher

Reporting your child's absence

We are having increasing numbers of parents/carers who are not reporting their child's absence from the College. You will appreciate that when a child is not in school, and we have not heard from parents/carers, this is a safeguarding concern for us. We are currently spending a significant amount of time investigating the whereabouts of children who are not properly accounted for and are therefore asking for parents' support in helping to address this problem.

We ask that all parents/carers contact the school before 9am on the day of their child's absence. This can be done by telephone or e-mail. Thank you for your support.

Email: absence@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

Call: 01752 812511 extension 200.



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Funding success for 9x9 3G Football Turf Pitch

The design, construction and build of a 9v9 3G Football Turf Pitch to benefit Torpoint and the Rame Peninsula is among several projects across Cornwall to share almost £1.8m in grants from Cornwall Council.

Cornwall Council launched the third round of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Fund last summer, to fund infrastructure projects that benefit children and young people. Now, after a vigorous and competitive application and selection process, the successful projects have been announced.

Olly Monk, Cornwall Council cabinet portfolio holder for housing and planning, said: "The Community Infrastructure Levy allows us to raise funds from new developments and pass this on to community projects making a real difference.

"With this funding we are able to support many worthwhile schemes and organisations working to improve facilities and access to opportunities."

CIL payments are set aside to be spent on infrastructure projects to benefit communities and support development. Between 15 to 25 per cent of the levy goes to the town or parish council where the development has taken place.

The remaining CIL collected is used to deliver infrastructure that will help alleviate the wider impact of development.

Applicants needed to show how there was local need and community support for their project, as well as how the projects will directly support children and young people in their area.

Torpoint Town Council is among 26 successful applicants and has been offered £85,000 to support the design, construction and build of a 9v9 3G Football Turf Pitch on the grounds of Torpoint Community College. This project is a collaborative effort between Torpoint Community College; Torpoint Town Council; Torpoint YMCA; the Football Foundation; Torpoint and Rame Active Community Network and the Cornwall FA and aims to provide a state-of-the-art facility for the benefit of College students' and the wider community. The aim is to start building the facility in Spring 2025 ready to open for the commencement of the academic year in September 2025.

Councillor Gary Davis, Mayor of Torpoint said "As one of my Mayor's Charities for the year, I am delighted the project has been allocated this CIL funding and am grateful to the community for supporting the continued fundraising efforts for the 3G Football Turf Pitch.

The project has already received positive feedback from various stakeholders, including local football clubs, the local parish councils, community groups, Argyle Community Trust, Cornwall FA and the Football Foundation. The Football Foundation has indicated they would support a funding bid for a 9v9 3G Football Turf Pitch in Torpoint, as it would meet their criteria for sustainability, demand and impact. The project would also align with the Cornwall FA's strategic plan to increase participation and retention in football, especially among under-represented groups such as women and girls, and disabled people."

A fourth round of the CIL Fund is expected to be launched in the spring. More information on CIL and previous rounds of the fund are available at www.cornwall.gov.uk/cil.





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Anti-Bullying Advice

You know your child best so will be aware if something seems wrong. Below are some warning signs that may be an indication of bullying.

Spotting the signs that your child is being bullied:

- A reluctance to go to school
- Unexplained tummy aches or headaches
- Showing signs of distress on a Sunday night or at the end of school holidays
- Becoming either quiet or withdraw
- Torn clothes and missing belongings
- Seeming upset after using their phone, tablets, computers, etc.
- Wanting to leave for school much earlier than necessary or returning home late

Art and DT work Collection

A message for our Year 11 students from 2022/23.

Please contact the College's reception to arrange collection of your GCSE Art, GCSE Product Design or GCSE Textiles work if you would like it back. Many thanks.

Please note after February half term, work not collected will be recycled.

The Art and DT team.



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CELEBRATING SUCCESS



BRONZE

The following students achieved their Bronze Personal Achievement Certificate and Badge.

Year 7

- Charlie
- Isabelle
- Bessie
- Holly
- Grace
- Lily
- William
- Nikita
- Paul
- Piper

Year 8

- Fae
- Ava
- Jack
- Bentley
- Zoey
- Daisy
- Ruby

Year 9

- Bartek
- Finlay
- Bella-Louise
- Daisy
- Florence
- George
- Mia
- Amber
- Maddison
- Hazel

Year 10

- Keira
- Evelyn
- Harrison
- Henry
- Sophie
- Aston

Year 11

- Bethany

This means that they have achieved 50 Personal Achievement Points! Well done!



SILVER

The following students achieved their Silver Personal Achievement Certificate and Badge..

Year 7

- Sebastian

Year 8

- Luca
- Beau
- Mikey

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Please see below an important message in the Cornwall Council Weekly Update regarding the rise in Measles cases.

Measles - Signs and Symptoms

Measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill. Measles usually starts with cold like symptoms followed by a rash.

Measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated. Children are at risk of measles if they haven't had the MMR vaccination. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles, two doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection. If your child is due to have had two doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible.

If you can't remember if your child has had any, one or two doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP. If you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have two doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected.



Measles is circulating, it is serious, very infectious and can cause complications.

Especially for those with a weakened immune system, babies under one year and pregnant women.

You need **two doses of MMR vaccine** to protect you, see your **GP practice** to make an appointment.

It is never too late to have your MMR.

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the safest way to protect your child





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Sunday 14th January 2024 – Ten Tors training

The first Ten Tors training walk of 2024 brought ideal conditions apart from being chilly. The teams successfully completed the circular route around the military ring road near Okehampton Camp. Well done to all the students who were out walking and the adults supporting them.





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U16 Girls County Cup Update!

Our wonderful U16 Girls Football Team have finished in the top 4 in Cornwall this year for the County Cup competition.

Torpoint V Liskeard 7-4

The competition kicked off before Christmas in an 11-goal thriller match with a 7-4 win against local rivals Liskeard. This was the start of a good run for Torpoint.

Saltash V Torpoint 2-3

It was a bitterly cold day today, but the girls were ready for their quarter-final match.

The girls went 1-0 down within 45 seconds as I think they were still defrosting from the warm-up! In true TCC spirits we patiently waited for our reward despite numerous attacks, and Saskia equalised to make it 1-1. This was the kickstart the girls needed, and they were now much more settled and playing some lovely football against a well turned out Saltash. The girls went into half time at 1-1 and the score is a true reflection on the display from the first half. TCC came out brighter in the second half making use of the fresh legs coming on the pitch. Poppy S (who was playing in a competition above her age!) calmly slotted the ball in the net to make it 2-1. Saltash fought back and missed an opportunity which would have seen the score equalised. Thankfully, a brave effort in goal from Olivia B kept Saltash away. The game was far from over and Saltash hit the post, before Lola N narrowly missed a shot down the other end. Our girls were determined as ever and played some lovely attacking football, and Saskia found the ball at her feet for her second and Torpoint's third goal of the game. Four minutes to go, end to end football and Saltash making it 3-2, I'd be lying if I said I wasn't stood on the sidelines with everything crossed. The final whistle went and a roar from the TCC girls was an extremely deserved moment. Saltash were outstanding today, and it could have gone either way, but the best side of the river sealed the win today! The girls voted Lexi T as player of the match, but special mentions to Poppy S, Olivia B, Saskia B and Lola who also received votes from their teammates.

Torpoint V Wadebridge 1-5

Nerves were a little high today as this was the semi-final of the County Cup. Whatever the result today would mean we finish in the Top 4 U16s Teams in Cornwall.

The girls were really up for the match today and were still bouncing off their win last week at Saltash.

This was a great game of football on display from both teams, but it was Torpoint who netted the first goal, 1-0 thanks to a shot from Poppy S which deflected in off the keeper. Wadebridge kept Torpoint on their back foot for the rest of the half and managed to put 2 goals past our shot stopper Olivia B.

The girls worked tirelessly for the second half with some outstanding performances from our defence, a particular mention to Molly L who put her whole body on the line stopping shots on multiple occasions and preventing Wadebridge from scoring more. Sadly, it was not our day today with Wadebridge putting another 3 goals past us which took the score to 5-1.

The girls voted Molly L as their player of the match for her excellent defending in the game.

Lola N also got a mention for working non-stop in the middle of the pitch to try and get Torpoint another goal back.



The girls should be extremely proud of their efforts in the County Cup this year and finishing in the top 4 is definitely something to be proud of!



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East Cornwall Badminton tournament

Some of our KS4 badminton squad travelled to Wadebridge this week to compete in their first badminton tournament since the epidemic. Camelford, Wadebridge, Launceston and TCC all took 8 pairs to compete. Each doubles pair played three matches with the aim of making the second round playoffs.

The Year 10 girls team finished 1st and 3rd in their first round making the playoffs. Both pairs played really well to win their playoff matches. Molly and Saskia finishing in 1st place and Olivia and Chloe finishing in 3rd place overall.

The Year 10 boys team finished 2nd and 5th in their first round. In the playoff round Josh and Harry played superbly together against a really experienced pair, just losing 11-9 to finish overall 2nd place. Amaro and Oliver also won their playoff to finish 5th.

The Year 11 girls team finished 1st and 6th. Both pairs upped their game in the second round with Tianna and Isabelle winning overall and Lucy and Emily placing 6th.

The Year 11 boys team had a tough first round but made the playoffs against each other with Alfie and Lucas gaining the upper hand to finish in 5th place and Jack and Malakai in 6th place.

We look forward to the National Schools County round at Truro in a few weeks' time.



Football News

Some of our year 7&8 footballers, kindly driven by Mr Watkins travelled to the North Coast to a very cold and wet Camelford to take part in a 7 a side football tournament.

The girls played really well despite some blustery conditions and got some wins, draws and a couple of loses. They never gave up!

Lily G scored 5 goals, Nikita J scored 4, Sophie S, Paris B and Aimee-Grace G all got 1 each.

Thanks to Mr Watkins for driving us in bad weather conditions, and well done to the girls who were very resilient!

Miss Rowe



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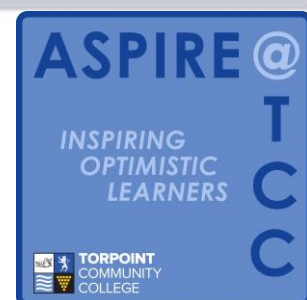


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Aspire @ TCC Newsletter



Aspirations are dreams, hopes, or ambitions to achieve a life goal.

This week, find out about...

Dive into the extraordinary world of **Polar Marine Biology** with Prof. Lloyd Peck! Join his captivating talk, 'The Science is Just So Ridiculously Good.' Explore the wonders of icy ecosystems, cutting-edge research, and the thrill of discovery. Don't miss this chance to have a peek at the science and hear about marine biology as a career!



<https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration-inspiration/professor-lloyd-peck-polar-marine-biologist/>

Want to find out more?

Have a look at the following websites for more information



Prospects-

General information about a career in Marine Biology including responsibilities, working hours & salary

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/marine-biologist>



Plymouth University-

Information about the Marine Biology Course at Plymouth University including the qualifications you may need to start the course

<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/bsc-marine-biology>



Talk to your teacher-

Talk to your Geography or Science teacher

Next steps?

Complete the Google Form Quiz and provide your feedback. Engagement with the quizzes will be monitored and there will be regular prize draws!

<https://forms.gle/ab1gpay3vWP1h9qv5>



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Call out for **Careers** Volunteers!

Parents, Carers & Alumni,

At TCC we firmly believe that broadening what children know about future opportunities can have a huge impact on their aspirations, motivation, subject confidence and future wellbeing. We also understand that we have a strong community where we have many parents, carers and alumni with amazing jobs and professions.

With this, we would really love you to join our growing community of 'Careers Volunteers'. We understand just how busy parents and carers are but would be grateful for any time you can contribute – even if it's 20 minutes a year.

We would love to embed a regular programme of events for our students from Year 7-13 to help broaden their understanding of careers and inspire them to look at potential future pathways. If you have 20 minutes or more to spare over the year and would like to support our community, please email-

careersteam@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

Or complete the Google Form-

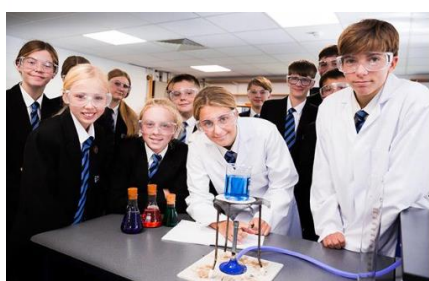
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Please include the following:

- Your name
- Job/Profession
- Activities you would be happy to complete e.g. class talks, assembly, careers workshops, small group coaching, Q & A session, challenge day (or anything else you feel passionate about!)
- Year group preference - is there a particular year group you would like to work with?
- Your preferred contact details (phone number, email)

Thank you!





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EVERYDAY COUNTS

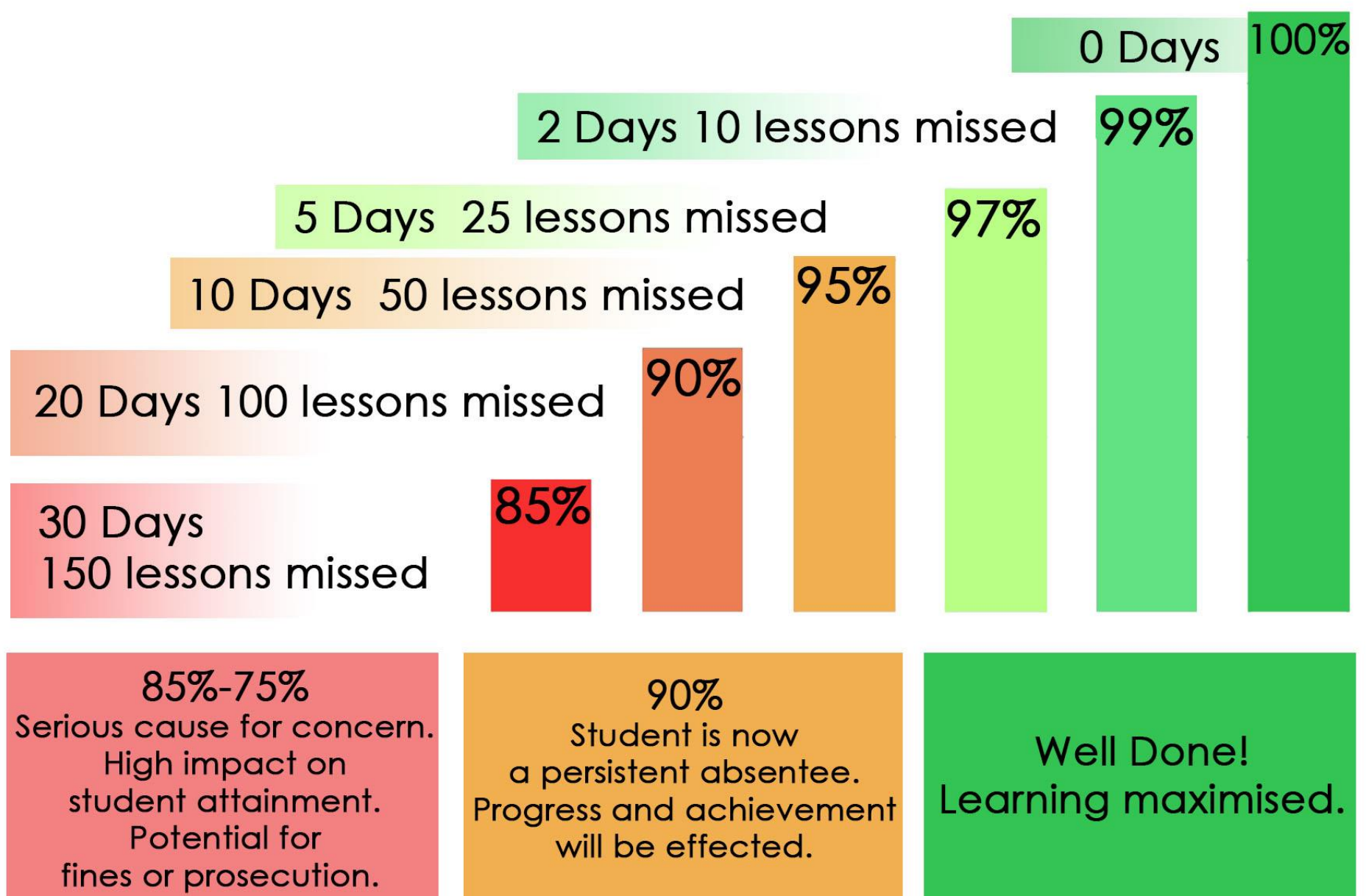


*Why is attendance important
for my child's education?*

**Good attendance
means:**



Being in school at least **95%+** of the time.





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Together 
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Where: at the Torpoint Family Hub 3:00-4:30





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Parents and Carers WE NEED YOU!

Headstart Kernow together with Lightbox Film Co. are working on an exciting project to raise awareness of Children's Rights.

Our hope is to work with as many local parents and carers as we can to capture a range of voices and stories that will come together to create a series of short films. The purpose of these films will be to inform, educate, raise awareness, understanding, and celebrate what parents and carers are already doing to uphold their children's rights.

We would love for parents/carers in Cornwall to join us for our first engagement workshop.

We are currently working on finalising the venue and date that will be towards the end of February.

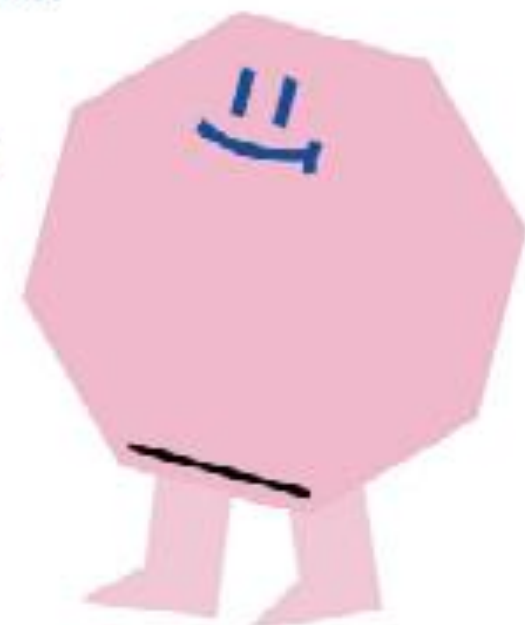
We'll provide lunch and refreshments plus a goody bag for taking time to participate in this exciting project!

Is this something that you would be interested in?
If so, please rsvp by Friday 2nd February 2024.

We'll then be in touch with more information.

Contact us

Email: childrensrights@cornwall.gov.uk



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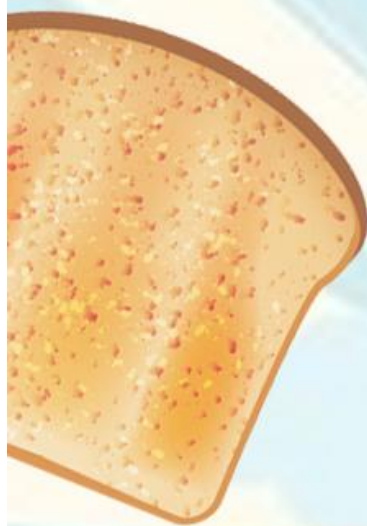
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priority is that
students feel
safe and
happy.

Email any worries to the above
email address OR
leave a note in our

worry box.

You can find it outside the
library.

*If you have any concerns or
worries, please speak to
one of the child protection team.*

Or speak to a member
of staff you trust and feel
comfortable
with.



Dr Plumb



Mrs Lear



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