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Dear Parent/carer

Temporary Relocation of St Levan Primary School Update

As you are aware, Cornwall Council are undertaking a significant maintenance project at St Levan Primary School starting this summer and that the scale of this work necessitates the decanting of the school to an alternative site. Work will begin once the school closes for summer and we look forward to delivering the scheme for the long-term benefit of current and future St Levan Primary School pupils.

This decanting has been carefully considered and, due to the factors set out below, we have made the decision that, in the best interests of the children and the continuity of their education, they should re-locate to Heamoor Primary School, rather than Cape Cornwall.

The factors that have led to this decision, responsibility for which rests *solely* with the Local Authority, are as follows:

- Heamoor was not an available option at the time this was first considered
- The spaces available at Heamoor are primary school classrooms and play facilities, therefore minimal work is required to ready them for St Levan children
- The costs of preparing facilities at Cape Cornwall have risen significantly
- Heamoor is, like St Levan, a member of Penwith Education Trust, one of the aims of which is to: 'make efficient use of all resources available to us and thereby maximize the benefits for learners'

As previously, transport will be available from St Levan directly to and from Heamoor Primary School if required, and also from St Just to Heamoor. Alternatively, the Authority is able to offer reimbursement of any additional mileage above your normal travel from home to St Levan Primary School at 45p per mile if you are able to make your own way to Heamoor Primary School. Please confirm if you need to make use of either of these schemes by Friday July 19th.

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Cornwall Council apologise for any disappointment or uncertainty this decision might create but please be assured that this decision has been made with the quality and continuity of the education of your children in mind. This is, of course, a temporary situation and we look forward to welcoming the children back into St Levan Primary School once the works are complete. We know that your school is a unique and much-loved asset for the community and that your children's sense of belonging is precious. This decant will not diminish the distinct and special identity of St Levan Primary School and we thank you in anticipation of your support for this difficult decision.

We all – Cornwall Council, staff, governors and families – look forward to welcoming the children back to their school in due course and we will, of course, keep you updated as the works progress.

Yours sincerely
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