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Dear Parent/Carer

### Re: School Re-Opening

Last week the Welsh Government announced that schools will re-open on a carefully phased approach from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June. The summer term will be extended for a full school week until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July. The 'lost week' of summer holiday will be re-distributed to October half term giving an extended two-week break at this point.

The 'Check in, Catch up, Prepare for summer and September' programme as announced by Kirsty Williams, Minister for Education, is designed to give all learners an opportunity to experience school between now and the end of term. This return will require a phased approach over time, and we are currently assessing the practicalities of what this will look like.

The return to school will be a crucial opportunity for learners to check in with their teachers so that staff can evaluate progress with learning and plan appropriate steps moving forwards. Teachers will provide support to pupils on core skills in particular and from that point will be blending in-school and home-learning together. This will be an important process that prepares teachers and learners alike, for the 'new normal' in September. There will also be an opportunity for you as parents to meet with teaching and pastoral staff so that we can work and plan together the best ways of supporting your child.

We do know that there will be no more than 30% of learners on the site at any one time and as such, all learners will not be in school every day. We will be reducing the numbers of learners in classes in order to make it safe for both them and our staff. This will also provide a valuable opportunity for dedicated support. Social distancing measures will be in operation.

During the three-week period of time between now and the re-opening of the school, we will be working hard on a number of key areas. We will be preparing our 'blended curriculum' and also completing the necessary preparations for health and safety and social distancing; as you can imagine this is a significant undertaking. Teachers will continue to prepare, support and provide feedback on the work that your child is completing as part of the distance learning provision.





I understand that you will have many questions and over the next two weeks I will provide you with further details regarding the schools' provision plan. The plan will detail the practicalities of the school day, what lessons will look like, the nature of the phased return and how we will work to support your child after this extended period away from school. I also recognise that both you as a parent and your child may well be anxious about a return to school. The school is staffed every day and staff are also available via telephone and email so please do get in touch if we can be of support.

In the meantime, I would be grateful if you could complete a brief survey indicating your intentions regarding returning your child to school. The survey can be accessed by [clicking on this link](#). Whilst there is an expectation that your child will return to school during the four-week period to the summer holidays, I respect your decision as a parent recognising that you may have individual and health related reasons for not sending your child to school.

With thanks for your continued support during this time.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Sutton  
Headteacher

