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Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to the Welsh Education Minister's announcement earlier this week, I wanted to reassure all families that the safety and wellbeing of our whole school community remains our priority and we are continuing to work hard to follow all guidance shared by the Welsh Government, our Regional Team and Wrexham Local Authority. We will ensure that you are kept up-to-date with all of our plans up to and throughout June and July to support the children to 'check-in, catch-up and prepare for September'.

The Welsh Government has announced that further guidance will be published next week, including information on managing facilities and logistical arrangements, including buildings, resources, cleaning and transport. However, we have already started our initial planning and considerations, prioritising wellbeing of learners, staff and families to plan a phased approach that is right for our community.

Once the operational guidance has been shared and we have received further instruction from Wrexham Local Authority, we will finalise our planning and share this with you as a matter of urgency. In the interim, to support with our planning.

A summary of the main points from the education minister can be found at the end of this letter, but the main information that has been released so far is as follows:

- Opening school on 29th June will give children the opportunity to 'check-in' with school staff and prepare them for the 'new normal' in September. (It is predicted that this style of learning will continue in September.) Term will finish one week later on Friday 24th July.
- **A maximum of one third of our school community will attend at any one time. Pupils will attend school for one day a week on a given day. Classes will operate from Monday to Wednesday allowing for a deep cleaning to take place. Key worker pupils will continue to attend from Monday to Friday but will not access their class provision in order to ensure separate working. Pupils will continue with home learning arrangements on all other days.**

Please note that there will be no breakfast club/after school club provision – except for children in the Keyworker group who can stay til 4pm.



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We kindly ask all parents to complete the questionnaire that is on our website to indicate if you would be happy for your child to return to school. We understand that making this decision will be extremely difficult, but we kindly ask for completed questionnaires to be returned to school by 3pm on **Friday 12th June** so that we can plan appropriate class sizes and calculate how we can stagger the school day.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FHGFT7L>



- Both the Welsh Government and school will support parents who decide not to send their children back to school.

- Any children, or their family members, who have a shielding letter will not be asked to return. These children will continue to receive home learning activities. When we return for our final four weeks, we will be working hard to support the children to ensure that they have contact with familiar adults in school (this might not be their usual teacher or teaching assistants as we have staff that are shielding). We also aim to support children with accessing home learning. To support with transition back into school, we request your support and would like to highlight the following:

- We will begin our reopening very cautiously and will offer an opportunity for limited numbers of children to attend school.

- You will be receive as much notice as possible as to the days that your child(ren) will be invited to attend.

- We will work hard to encourage all children to adhere to social distancing guidelines, although we cannot guarantee that all children will understand or be able to follow these for prolonged periods.



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- To support our children with social distancing, all children must be dropped off and collected by an adult.
- To support social distancing, there will be no breakfast club facilities.
- We understand that it would make sense to have siblings in school on the same day, therefore we will endeavour to do this.
- To support social distancing, the start and end of the school day will be staggered.
- Children will not be required to wear school uniform when in school.
- Groups will not mix together and there will be separate areas for play.
- Once school reopens, to support with social distancing, we will require your support with certain elements of first aid, with the need to change any of our children (if they are wet or soiled) and there will be a zero tolerance approach to challenging behaviour. (Parents will be expected to come in to school to support.)

We appreciate that these are uncertain times and there are many unanswered questions. The planning and timetables for your child(ren's) return that we share might not suit all family circumstances, but we have to plan what we believe is the safest and best option for our whole school community. I will release further information as soon as I can.

With best wishes,

Mr John Roberts
(Head Teacher)

Mr F. Hemmings
(Chair of Governors)

