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Dear Parents,

I thought this would be a good time to contact you to provide some clarity regarding school opening arrangements.

There have been various announcements made by Boris Johnson regarding schools re-opening in England on 1st June for certain year groups. This date will, of course, depend on infection rates, the ability of the NHS to cope with demand etc.

We have been advised by Welsh Government/ GWE and Wrexham Borough Council to follow the announcements made by Welsh Government as they could, and at present do, differ from the position in England.

So, at present, there are no plans to open schools on 1st June. A review will take place at the end of May and Kirsty Williams (Education Minister) has been clear that schools will be given a minimum of 3 weeks notice to plan/ prepare for some pupils returning to school.

Despite the fact that Wales has devolved authority to make decisions regarding their schools, we are affected by changes announced by Boris Johnson regarding returning to work wherever it is safely possible to do so in certain job sectors. **Since this announcement last Sunday we have seen our school attendance double.**

It is important therefore we make it clear to parents on how we plan to operate in the coming weeks. Details below:

- **School to open at 8:20 am for pupils wishing to attend breakfast club (not 8 am)**
- **All Staff/ Pupils to have temperature checked at the door on arrival and then wash hands.**
- **Staff/ Pupils encouraged to wash hands after toilet visits and before eating.**
- **Pupils to be taught in 2 groups (broadly foundation phase/ KS2 – depending on numbers)**
- **School to offer after school provision til 4pm only (if longer is required – please make alternative arrangements)**
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Unfortunately Rainbows After School Club has had to close due to lack of income and all staff have been furloughed until further notice – there are several childcare providers located in Chirk who you may wish to contact.

I think it is important to make it clear that, when in school, it isn't always possible to keep pupils 2 metres apart at all times. We do, of course, encourage this wherever possible. If this is a concern for you then we would advise you keep your children at home.

Our final message to keyworker families is to try and keep children at home wherever possible in order to reduce the risks to everyone concerned.

If the situation changes then I will be in touch to provide you with an update.

Sincerely,

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