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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Many of you will have listened to the Education Minister's statement during the Welsh Government briefing today.

The minister closed schools at the end of March and since then ourselves and our cluster of schools have remained open providing childcare for key worker and vulnerable children, including during the Easter and half term holiday. School staff have also provided home learning activities and have been in contact with you and your children through learning platforms and by telephone.

The minister has announced today that:

- Statutory schooling will re- start - schools will open on 29th June 2020.
- Schools will be open to all year groups, for limited periods
- Only a maximum of a third of pupils will be in school at one time
- Schools will need time to reach this level
- All children will have the opportunity to 'check in, catch up, prepare for the summer and September'.
- Schools and Local councils will make their own decisions on how this is managed
- The summer term will be extended by one week and therefore the summer term will now end on Monday July 27th.
- The Autumn term half term break will also be extended by a week.

As a school we have been planning for a wide range of scenarios. We have heard the announcement at the same time as you. We will now take some time to further plan and prepare and I will work with the Governing body, Local Authority, Welsh Government and cluster schools to develop plans, procedures, policies and robust risk assessments in order for this to be achieved with the safety of children, staff and parents as the main priority.

There will be much guidance issued to Heads in the next few hours and days. I will need time to digest and plan to ensure that we follow this guidance and that this is used to create safe, practical operating systems that all understand and adhere to. Whilst I will do all that I can to ensure the warm, welcoming nature of our school is maintained, safety procedures and routines will mean that daily schooling will look very different to the time before school closed in March, as the minister mentioned.

I will keep you updated with progress so that you can make an informed decision whether your child(ren) will be attending.



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For the next three weeks the same arrangements will remain in place regarding home learning activities prepared by the teachers and childcare hub provision.

Thank you for your continued support during this time and I will be in touch again soon.

Take care.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Rayer'.

Steve Rayer
Headteacher

