

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re. School Closure Update - Monday 8th June 2020

Hope you are well and had a good weekend.

### Reopening of School

Following my letter last week, we continue to plan for the reopening of schools. It is clear that **blended learning** will be a long term measure and it is likely that we will be operating this method of teaching and learning in September and beyond. Therefore, we need to give this new way of working some considerable thought to prioritise your child's health, safety and wellbeing as well as ensuring quality provision for learning and progress..

I will share our thoughts with you so far to keep you in the loop, but please bear in mind that our plans are not yet comprehensive and may change in the coming days once we have further guidance from Welsh Government. As soon as we have fully prepared our for reopening, we will share it with you. Our initial thoughts are:

- Each student will attend school for one 3-hour session per week for the four weeks before the summer holidays
- School will open from 0830-1300
- Arrival and departure times will be staggered across the morning
- There will be no outside breaks and students will be expected to leave the premises as soon as lessons end
- There will be small groups of face-to-face contact with a maximum of ten students in each group

We will be doing more in-depth planning on grouping, staffing, learning provision, site preparation, cleaning, hygiene, risk assessing and much more throughout this week.

In the meantime, home learning continues. The next fortnightly block of work is on the school [website](#).



## **Student Contact**

Please could you ensure your child responds to the email from their form tutor. It is important that we are in contact with your child to help support them at home.

## **Free School Meal Vouchers**

The next voucher will be emailed or posted to families on Wednesday. Please inform your child's Progress Leader if you have issues. We have been informed that vouchers will continue through the school holiday too: the Local Authority will share more information regarding this over the coming weeks.

## **And finally ...**

We do understand that we need to gain your trust and confidence before you allow your child to return to school. You will want to ensure that our plans for reopening guarantee that your child is safe and risks are minimised.

We also need to make certain that we have a system in place that enables your child to continue to learn effectively and is prepared for the new way of learning over what we are expecting to be a long period of time. This will be a challenge for all of us. However, working together, we will embrace this challenge to provide the best possible provision for your child; and who knows, we may discover methods of working that will change our approach to teaching and learning forever. I am optimistic that some good may come from this difficult situation we find ourselves in.

Stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully



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