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Dear Parent / Annwyl rhiant,

### **School Re-opening and Closing Dates**

I hope that you are all well.

As you will be well aware, Welsh Government announced on 3rd June 2020 that schools are to partially reopen on a 'check in, catch up and prepare' basis. The original announcement stipulated that this would be for a period of four weeks from 29th June 2020.

Unfortunately, the fourth week which is beyond the originally agreed term time has not been concluded.

Local authorities are responsible for setting terms dates and it has been decided to not ask teaching and other school staff to 'volunteer' during this week. Therefore, all Newport schools will close to pupils, for the summer holidays on **Friday 17th July 2020**.

In light of this clarification, we will now be moving both Nursery and Reception 'New Intake' arrangements to September 2020. More information will be published in due course. Our current Nursery children will have the opportunity to return to school during the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 with a parent for a farewell celebration. More details will follow.

Additional Y6 transition arrangements, originally scheduled for the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020, will now be included in the three-week period. More details will follow for Year 6 families.

All families should have received information regarding **which day** their child is invited to attend school for the three weeks commencing Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Please remember to adhere to the staggered times and entrances detailed in the grid below.

Class	Entrance	Start Time	Finish Time
Class 3	Reception Door (same)	9.00am	12.30pm
Class 4	Reception Door (same)	9.15am	12.45pm
Class 5	Year 1 Door (same)	9.00am	12.30pm
Class 6	Year 1 Door (same)	9.15am	12.45pm

Class 7	Year 2 Door (same)	9.00am	12.30pm
Class 8	Year 2 Door (same)	9.15am	12.45pm
Class 9	Year 3 Entrance (same-Y3/4 yard)	9.00am	12.30pm
Class 10	Year 3 Entrance (same-Y3/4 yard)	9.15am	12.45pm
Class 11	Fire door entrance Y3/4 corridor (opposite Early Year Building Steps)	9.00am	12.30pm
Class 12	Fire door entrance Y3/4 corridor (opposite Early Year Building Steps)	9.15am	12.45pm
Class 13	Y5/6 Corridor. Sensory Garden Fire door	9.00am	12.30pm
Class 14	Y5/6 Corridor. Sensory Garden Fire door	9.15am	12.45pm
Class 15	Y6 Entrance (same)	9.00am	12.30pm
Class 16	Y6 Entrance (same)	9.15am	12.45pm
Class LRB	Main Entrance	9.15am	12.45pm

Thank you for the families who have responded to the 'form' via the link issued. This has enabled us to plan the groups and make adjustments as necessary. Please do not 'turn up unannounced' to school if you have not responded or if you have confirmed that your child won't be attending. If you have changed your mind, please contact the school so that we can make necessary arrangements to accommodate this change.

The school is continuing to provide 'key worker' provision for families. Children who attend the 'childcare hub' are not permitted to mix with other class groups in accordance with Welsh Government guidance.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some key points that were communicated to families on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Please read the points very carefully.

Points to note:

1. Every child will be allocated one extended morning per week to attend school for three weeks
2. Each class will be split into four groups
3. Groups will be limited to 8 pupils
4. Each pupil group will be allocated a designated day and staggered start/end time
5. Each class will be assigned a designated access point
6. All access points will have 'marker points' so that social distancing is observed
7. Only one parent per family should accompany a child to school
8. Please ensure that your child has some understanding of social distancing and the reason behind it
9. Each group will be allocated a designated learning space (including outdoor learning space)
10. Rooms will be designed to comply with social distancing measures. Unnecessary furniture/resources will be removed
11. Each child will have a learning station
12. Resources/pupil individual packs will be created to avoid cross contamination
13. Each child will only have interface with pupils and staff within their group
14. All pupils will wash hands on entry/exit and throughout the session
15. Pupils will not be in school for lunch
16. A snack and labelled water bottle should be brought to school; the children must not bring anything else from home (all stationery will be provided)
17. The children are not expected to wear uniform. Children are expected to wear comfortable clothes appropriate for school; including appropriate footwear
18. When not in school pupils should continue to undertake home learning
19. Parents will not be invited in to the school building; all communication should happen remotely
20. Staff will not be able to engage in lengthy conversation with parents when the children enter school due to the safeguarding measures being put in place. Please contact the school office to pass on information and/or for any queries.
21. PPE is provided for staff to undertake First Aid

22. All areas in the school have been subject to a risk assessment that identifies 'pinch points'/bottlenecks, maximum occupancy and signage to highlight the need to socially distance
23. Learning will very much focus on basic skills and wellbeing, including the effective promotion of outdoor learning
24. Welsh Government advise that additional PPE (other than that for first aid and ALN) is not required

Please remember:

- Children **MUST NOT** attend school if someone within their household is unwell with Coronavirus symptoms.
- If you become unwell with coronavirus symptoms, you must **immediately** contact school and arrange for the collection of your child.

Information will be shared with families to help prepare children for the return to school. I hope that you find this information useful.

I would like to again take this opportunity to thank you for your support and resilience during this time of uncertainty. We are very much looking forward to seeing the children next week.

Kind regards/ Cofion Caredig,

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