



8th June 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

‘Check in, Catch Up, Prepare for Summer and September’

I wanted to give you some reassurances, following last week’s announcement by the Education Minister, Kirsty Williams. On Wednesday 3rd June, we were given details of the next planned phase for schools in Wales. The key message was that all students would soon have the opportunity to ‘Check in, Catch Up, Prepare for Summer and September’. As part of her statement, the Minister confirmed her intention that schools should begin planning for the first phase of re-opening on 29th June, with the summer term now extended by a week (ending Friday 24th July). Furthermore, the last four weeks of this summer term should be used to make sure that pupils, staff and parents are prepared – mentally, emotionally and practically – for a ‘new normal’ in September 2020. Interestingly, the Minister also announced that the autumn half-term break will be now extended to two weeks.

A link to Kirsty William’s full statement can be found on our website, along with letters from Ian Roberts from Wrexham LA.

Please let me assure you that the health and safety of staff and students is always my starting point. Therefore, I am eagerly awaiting detailed guidance that will help us to plan and prepare for this next phase. Welsh Government has announced that this further information will provide clarity on managing facilities and logistical arrangements, including buildings, resources, cleaning and transport. However, we have already started our initial planning and considerations, prioritising the wishes and wellbeing of students, staff and parents. To be clear, we will not re-open Rhosnesni unless our Covid-19 risk assessments and operational plans are robust and manageable. When we do re-open, it will be done carefully, gradually and safely.

We understand that you will have many questions and we are working closely with the local authority, the regional consortium and our governors so that we can provide you with the information you need to prepare for this next phase. You will be asked to complete an important questionnaire to assist us in our planning. Please take the time to respond carefully to this survey.

I will write to you again, as soon as more detailed information is available. In the meantime, I would like to thank you for your continued support during these challenging and unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely,

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