



Radyr Comprehensive School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your family are safe and well. As I am sure you are now aware, on Wednesday, the Minister for Education, made a significant announcement about the plans to open schools later this month. Welsh Government intends to open schools from Monday 29 June to allow schools to 'Check in, catch up and prepare for summer and September' with all pupils.

The main points in this Welsh Government announcement were as follows:

- All schools in Wales will begin to reopen from Monday 29 June;
- The summer term will be extended by one additional week, ending on Monday 27 July;
- The autumn half-term break (in October) will be expanded to two weeks instead of one week;
- In each school, there will be a phased approach to reopening, and it is expected that this will mean that, at most, a third of pupils will be present at school at any one time;
- There will be much smaller classes to ensure the necessary social distancing measures are in place;
- The secure and limited time in school in the final four weeks of the summer term will be supported with home learning activities. This will help to get children and staff ready for a similar experience in September;
- From the week beginning 8 June, the Welsh Government will publish further guidance to support schools and local authorities. This will include information on managing school facilities and logistical arrangements, including buildings, resources, cleaning and transport;
- The link to the full statement made by the Minister for Education, yesterday is: [Welsh Government statement on schools reopening](#).

It is important to understand that your child's school experience from Monday 29th June will be quite different, and we will not be able to operate in the way we did before the school closure. It is highly likely that most children will be in school for approximately half a day a week, however, we will review this arrangement regularly. As commented above, the main focus will be on 'Check in, catch up and preparation' in readiness for September. A key priority will be the safety of all children and staff and we will be working closely with the local authority in order to plan a safe return to school.

The Minister for Education has emphasised that the return to school for children is not compulsory, but we want to assure you that we will do all we can over the new 3 weeks to prepare an environment which is as safe as possible, in order to provide you and your children with the confidence to return to school.

I will be in regular contact with you over the next 3 weeks with updates on progress towards reopening, and with any new information as and when it arises. We will do our best to respond to any questions or queries you may have, but please be patient with us if we do not have immediate answers.

We know that returning to school will be an anxious time for many you and your children. When we reopen, we will do so as safely as possible, putting wellbeing and health at the very centre of all our plans and discussions. At least we now have a date to work towards.

Thank you for all your incredible support and patience over the past three months. I will keep you updated.

Yours sincerely



Mr A D Williams

Headteacher