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Dear Pupils, Parents/Carers,

I am sure that by now, you have all heard of Welsh Government's plans to re-open schools from June 29<sup>th</sup>. You will be aware that the school term will also be extended for one week until 27 July. The Minister also announced that the autumn half-term break will be extended to two weeks.

It is probably welcome news to you all and I know it is welcome news to our teachers. However, the re-opening of schools will not be without its challenges, worries and concerns and hundreds of questions.

In each school, there will be a phased return. Year groups will be split into cohorts with staggered starts, lessons and breaks. It is expected that this will mean, at most, a third of our school's pupils being present at any one time. It is important to note, however, that we fully expect schools to take some time to achieve this level of occupancy.

When schools reopen, they will not operate in the same way as they have done in the past. There will be far fewer learners in each classroom and, much in the same way as we have done over the past few months, we will need to continue to provide online learning opportunities for our pupils.

We are still not in receipt of the final guidance document from Welsh Government so I will not issue any further details until we have received this as I do not wish to confuse anyone or issue false information. However, I do understand that the prospect of returning to school may cause a great deal of anxiety to a lot of people. This is totally natural and understandable. The local authority recognises this and is keen to gauge the views of parents and carers and issued a questionnaire which was sent to you all on Monday. Please try to complete this by Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> June as it will help shape the LEA's plans for re-opening schools.

Thank you, once again, for your support during this very trying and often frightening time. I will write to you all again as soon as I have further information to share with you.

Warmest regards,

**Mrs H. Jones (Headteacher)**

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