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**“Learning, Caring, Having fun!”**  
**“Dysgu, Caru, yn cael Hwyl!”**



**Date: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your families are all safe and well.

A significant announcement was made last week by Kirsty Williams (Welsh Minister for Education), informing us of the plans for schools in Wales to reopen later this month. The intention is to reopen from June 29<sup>th</sup> in order to ‘Check in, Catch Up & Prepare’ before the start of September.

The main points in the Welsh Assembly announcement are as follows:-

- All schools in Wales will begin to reopen from Monday June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The summer term will be extended by one week, ending on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July.
- The autumn term break (exact date not confirmed) will be extended by one week.
- In each school, there will be a phased approach to reopening.
- No more than a 1/3 of pupils in the school at any one time.
- There will be much smaller classes to ensure social distance measures can be adhered to
- Distance learning will continue now and in September with the addition of a face to face catch up with the teacher, this is now referred to as ‘blended learning’.
- After Wednesday (10<sup>th</sup> June) Kirsty Williams will provide further guidance to support the reopening.

It is important to understand that the experience from June 29<sup>th</sup> will be very different for everyone.

It is possible that most children will be able to attend school one day a week from opening to ‘Check in, Catch Up & Prepare’, check in emotionally and practically and prepare for the new norm in September, where ‘blended learning’ i.e. remote learning and limited face to face school contact is likely to continue.

The school day will look and feel differently i.e. not all pupils will be in at the same time, staggered starts/finishes, lessons, lunches, breaks and a one way entry and exit system in and around school.

A key priority for us at Pentre'r Graig will be the safety of all children and staff. In order to do this, we will be working with the Welsh Government, Local Authority, staff and governors in order to plan a safe return to school. Comprehensive risk assessments will be completed and we will use these to do everything we can to ensure that the environment is as safe as it



possibly can be. The return to any school will not be completely risk free as I'm sure you understand.

The Minister of Education has emphasised that parents who choose not to send their children back to school won't be penalised. Please complete the questionnaire that was issued last week with your intentions.

I understand that a return to school will be an anxious decision for many of you. I will keep in regular contact with you over the next 3 weeks with updates on the progress towards reopening and what it will actually look like and feel like at Pentre'r Graig putting the health and safety and wellbeing of families at the very centre of our decisions.

I am hoping for the children it will be a relief and some excitement about the prospect of returning to see teachers (even being introduced to next years' teacher) and friends again.

The staff at Pentre'r Graig are very much looking forwards to seeing you all again. Thank you for your support and patience over the last 3 months.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to email me on [DaviesA722@hwbcymru.net](mailto:DaviesA722@hwbcymru.net).

There is also a council dedicated telephone enquiry line on 01792 636033 and 01792 636034 or you can email [coronavirusenquiries@swansea.gov.uk](mailto:coronavirusenquiries@swansea.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely



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