



**Powys County Council
County Hall
Llandrindod Wells
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Date: 26 March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we approach the end of the Spring Term, I would like to thank you in what continues to be an extremely challenging and difficult time.

It is just over twelve months ago since schools in the county closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. This period has had an impact on our school staff, on our learners but also as you as parents and carers. Everybody has had to adapt and adjust in a short space of time due to this public health crisis.

So, once again, I thank you for supporting your child's learning since the turn of the year and for supporting your school during this difficult time.

Although our ambition is for all our learners to return to their classrooms after the Easter break, there is no guarantee due to the pandemic.

Currently, transmission rates are low and the national vaccination programme in the county is making great strides. However, it will be some time before life get back to normal and that is why it is vital that families continue to follow the guidance here in Wales to limit the spread of the virus.

Families should continue to be on their guard for coronavirus and keep unwell children away from school and early year settings, even if symptoms seem very mild, when schools return after the Easter holidays.

Schools will be open for learners after the Easter holidays on Tuesday, April 13.

School Meals from Tuesday, April 13

The Powys Catering Service will be providing school meals when learners return on Tuesday, April 13. Please check with your school about their arrangements for school meals.

Our menu will continue in primary schools, with our revised grab and go menu in high schools. With the return of all pupils after the Easter holidays, all free school meal entitled pupils will have their meals in school.

Therefore, no BACS/vouchers will be issued, unless a free school meal entitled

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pupil is absent from school because of Covid related reasons.

Any concerns or queries relating to school meals please contact the Catering Service on cashless.catering@powys.gov.uk or call 01597 826660.

Once again, I would like to thank schools for their ongoing efforts to support our learners over the last three months and also parents for their continued patience and co-operation during these unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynette Lovell".

Lynette Lovell
Interim Chief Education Officer