



Wednesday, 13 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I trust you and your families are well, and that you are keeping yourselves safe.

In my last correspondence, I mentioned our schools plans for considering reopening. For those of you who are watching and listening to the media, you will be aware that there are no plans to reopen schools in Wales before 1st June. This is the latest information.

We will continue to closely follow the advice set by our government from our First Minister, Mark Drakeford and our Minister for Education, Kirsty Williams.

Please accept my assurances that we continue to engage with all stakeholders to provide our thoughts and plans for the next big strategic and operational challenge; reopening our school. This thinking will require a robust but flexible approach mapped against the national framework using the [five key principles](#) for schools' return, as set out by our Minister for Education.

We accept and are clear that any reopening will not be a linear and sequential set of predetermined actions. We accept that when we are given the go-ahead to enact any plans to reopen there will be uncertainty, and in many cases anxiety around the confidence of parents and carers, our staff, and most importantly, your children. The unpredictability of the virus may well interrupt any plans at school, local and national level.

I am aware that there is a genuine attempt, quality of thinking and preparation to discuss matters in an open dialogue between the government and the teaching profession, however, the determining factor for any reopening will only happen when the science advice says it is safe to do so.

Again, I assure you that I will communicate the schools intentions and plans when any decision is made nearer this time.

Finally, a big thank you to the many of you who have passed on your praise to our team of staff at Chepstow for their continued hard work and positive attitude towards helping and supporting your children.

We remain a strong team who will continue to do our best to support both the wellbeing and the learning of your children, albeit remotely.



As always, we value your feedback. If you would like any further support or have any worries, concerns or anxieties, we are one click away from responding to you.

Please take care of yourselves, your families and stay safe.

With best wishes

Matthew Sims
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