



Wednesday, 03 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I trust you and your families are well.

Today the Education Minister, Kirsty Williams announced the reopening of schools in Wales.

Please see link: <https://twitter.com/ITVWales/status/1268143318312972294?s=20>

We were pleased there were no hidden messages and that we have been provided with the direction we have been waiting for. The main points from Kirsty Williams' speech included:

- Schools will work toward a phased reopening from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- The summer term will be extended by a week, meaning the Chepstow School summer term will end on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July, providing 4 weeks of summer term delivery. Our previously planned inset day on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July will move to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July.
- Schools will work towards a third of pupils being on-site at any one time.
- Smaller class sizes, staggered starts, lessons and breaks, will be the 'new normal'.
- Delivery will be based around children to 'Check-in, Catch Up and Prepare'.
- The changes are to ensure children are ready for a similar experience in September.

The focus of the four weeks of the summer term, beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, is to make sure pupils, staff and parents are prepared, mentally, emotionally and practically for the new 'normal' in September. The school will not be able to return to education as it was



before and we will need to look at a new way of working. With this in mind 'remote learning' will continue and will be the main method of delivery.

On Monday, we will ask you to complete a short questionnaire to gather your views. Your feedback will help us identify and plan for the reopening. We will also consult with the Local Authority, staff and our governing body.

I assure you that we will keep you informed regarding the next steps that the school will take and what this means for your child's learning.

Please take care of yourselves, your families and stay safe. We look forward to seeing you soon.

With best wishes

Matthew Sims  
Headteacher