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Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update – June 3rd 2020

Dear Parent/Guardians,

As communicated yesterday we were expecting the education minister to make a statement on the reopening of schools in Wales. That announcement was made early this afternoon and provided notice that schools will reopen to pupils from **Monday 29th June**. Following meetings this evening we wish to provide you with a summary.

The announcement was brief with further and importantly more specific information to follow next week. However, what we do know is the following –

- Schools will open to **all** pupils from Monday 29th June on a staggered/phased return.
- Schools will only operate daily on around “a third” of normal capacity.
- No full classes will be in attendance at any time.
- The summer term will be extended by one week. The term will now finish on Friday 24th July.
- The holiday period in the Autumn term (usually around October) will be two weeks not one.
- This way of returning and working within schools is likely to continue in the Autumn term (September 2020).

Pupils or parents who have shielding letters should not return to school. We will continue to provide education for them as we have done so far throughout the enforced lockdown. Equally, if parents/guardians do not feel secure in sending their child(ren) back to school in the summer term as a school we fully support and respect your decision and will continue to provide online learning activities. The first minister has announced that there will be **NO** financial penalties for parents/guardians who choose not to send their child(ren) to school.

School itself has a number of staff members who are vulnerable and shielding. The first minister has indicated that those members will not be asked to return to school. This reduction in staffing levels will need to be factored in to our risk assessments.

The statement left a lot more questions than answers at this early stage for all stakeholders. Until further information is provided, the picture will remain “unclear” and therefore I ask that you refrain from contacting school with questions. At this moment in time, we do not have the answers. As we have always tried to do, when we have a clear and accurate picture of how Ysgol Tanyfron will proceed with reopening we will share that with you. Please be aware that each school locally is likely to have a different way of working due to the number of pupils on roll, staffing requirements, school facilities and personal circumstances to that school. It is highly unlikely we will see a common approach across the local authority.

Please be assured that over the coming weeks, staff, governors and I will be making all the necessary arrangements with ‘safety for all’ being at the heart of any decision. Please be patience whilst we work behind the scenes to draw up the necessary plans moving forward.

Yours sincerely

Mr D. Lloyd
Headteacher