

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to update you on a number of important developments that are as a direct result of the Welsh Government plan to re-open schools to pupils on 29th June 2020.

Re-opening Update

Operational plans and risk assessments are well underway and have now been submitted to the Vale of Glamorgan Council for review. I have already had meetings with Heads of Year and Heads of Faculty to discuss models for re-opening and will shortly be meeting with a sub-group of the Governing Body to finalise arrangements. These plans will be discussed with all staff early next week.

After this, and after all parties are satisfied that plans are robust and that arrangements are safe, I will write to you on **Wednesday of next week** to give you exact details of what the re-opening will mean for your child.

What I can tell you at this stage, however, is that the return to school is part of Welsh Government's 'Check in, Catch Up and Prepare' strategy, focussed on the wellbeing of pupils. To limit the number of pupils on site and to make the environment as safe as possible, children will be invited into school on specific days and will be with their peers in groups of around 8-12 or less for the day.

If you do not feel comfortable sending your children into school, then I want to reassure you there is no consequence for this. Children should only come in if you feel comfortable that they do so. It is also essential that you only send your children to school if they are well. If they show any signs of illness, particularly if they develop a high temperature, persistent cough or loss of taste/smell, then please keep them at home.

Hub Update

Over the last 11 weeks, all schools across the Vale of Glamorgan have provided childcare for children of key workers in a Hub facility. The Hub model has been based on local school clusters working together to deliver the childcare provision for their area.

As you will be aware, the Welsh Government has made announcements to prepare for the re-opening of schools on the 29th June. The Hub facility at Llandough Primary School will come to an end on the 19th June 2020. However, we will continue offering the facility to St Cyres pupils on the St Cyres School site from the **week commencing 22nd June** from 8.30am until 4.30pm for those that have already registered in the usual way.

Registration for the Hub service for the week commencing **29th June onwards** will be through the school directly by emailing us on contact@stcyres.org. **However, it is important to note that new registrations for keyworker childcare will cease on 22nd June, with the exception of school-based staff.** Please provide us with details of the child's name, Year group, key worker details and dates/times the

facility will be required. Applications should be submitted weekly by parents by no later than Friday at 4pm for the following week (Monday to Friday), and as stated above, is now **restricted to families who have previously used the Hub service**.

Please also be advised that there are **no catering facilities** in the Hub at St Cyres and so your child will need to bring a drink and a packed lunch.

Please also be aware that if your child is making use of the Hub childcare provision, they will not be able to move across to school provision on the same day, and vice versa, for health and safety reasons.

Finally, please be reassured that we are working very hard to prepare for the re-opening of St Cyres School and very much look forward to welcoming your child back in the best way that we can.

Yours sincerely

Mr P. Lewis
Acting Headteacher