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5 June 2020

Dear Parent / Carers

I hope this message finds you and your families well. I am sure you are aware, by now, of the latest announcement from the Welsh Government regarding the re-opening of schools. Wherever possible, our pupils should try to view the 'Check-in & Catch up' link.

In Wales, schools will begin to re-open to more pupils from Monday, 29th June 2020. The term will be extended to the 27th July 2020. Schools will take a phased approach, with smaller classes and staggered starts, lessons, and breaks. The aim is to use this time to make sure pupils, staff and parents / carers are prepared mentally, emotionally, and practically for the 'new normal' in September.

For further information please follow the 'Check-in & Catch Up' link below:

<https://gov.wales/check-catch-prepare-summer-and-september-all-schools-wales-enter-next-phase>

During her announcement, the Welsh Education Minister made it clear that this will be for 'no more than a third of children at any one time.' At this present moment, I do not know what this will look like at Venerable Edward Morgan RC Primary School (VEM) and I am awaiting the operational guidance, which will be made available to all schools next week, to support our plan for re-opening.

I am sure everybody has very mixed emotions regarding this announcement, and you will no doubt have many feelings. There will be an opportunity for you to express those views and questions in the forthcoming weeks. Your thoughts are important to us and will be key to the success of any plan to re-open our VEM. In the coming days and weeks, the staff and I will be preparing VEM for what the Welsh Education Minister describes as this 'new normal' and as soon as I have more information as to what this will look like, I will communicate this with you all. Please be assured that the safety of everyone in our VEM family will be our absolute priority moving forward.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to convey a huge Thank You to each and every parent and carer, for your patience, understanding and hard work with your children during this difficult and stressful time. The staff and I really appreciate the kind messages we have received, and it has been so encouraging to see the updates from the children via email on the 'Hwb' or on 'Seesaw'.

We look forward to when all our VEM staff and pupils will be together again.

Take care and stay safe.

Kindest regards

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