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Dear Parents & Carers

I hope this letter still finds you and all your loved ones, safe and well.

Once again can I start by thanking you all for your continued patience and tolerance over the last 4 months. I know how difficult it has been to keep up with all the information that has needed to be shared with you over this time, sometimes at short notice. I can sympathise with you but please take some comfort from the fact that we have been in the dark as much as you for most of the time. On a brighter note it has been wonderful to welcome back pupils over the last three weeks allowing them to enjoy their 'Check in and Catch up session' with their teachers. The children have been truly amazing at settling into our new normal and taking social distancing in their stride. A huge thank you to those parents who have sent such heart felt messages of thanks to the teachers, following these sessions. It was wonderful to hear how much the children enjoyed the sessions and it helped confirm that having that time although short back in school was important.

By now you will be fully aware of the Welsh Minister for Education's announcement that schools are to return in September. We have now received the guidance for this and I am now able to share with you the plans for Venerable Edward Morgan School to reopen for pupils in September. However as with previous plans I must make you aware that all initial plans do come with a warning. As throughout this pandemic guidance is continually being updated, so please be aware that these initial timetable plans will be subject to change, potentially at very short notice. But we will do our best to limit any inconvenience.

The following plans have been agreed by both Governors and Flintshire LA.

Plan for school reopening - September 2020

- Tuesday 1st September to Friday 4th September – School will be closed for planning and preparation
- Monday 7th September - School to open for Reception, Year 3 and Year 6 pupils only
- Tuesday 8th September – School to open for Reception, Year 3 and Year 6 pupils only
- Wednesday 9th September – School to open for all pupils from Reception to Year 6
- Nursery pupils – Induction sessions will be provided for Nursery pupils during the first week. (parents will receive separate information regarding this)
- Nursery to start – Monday 14th September
- Playgroup Plus – will be available to all Nursery pupils from Monday 14th September

ALL PUPILS WILL BE REQUIRED TO RETURN TO SCHOOL IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM (except Nursery)

Fun Club will be available from Monday 14th September and the usual booking system will apply. Further information regarding how Fun Club will enforce social distancing will be sent to parents at the start of term.

Breakfast Club will not be available until Monday 14th September. Due to the new restrictions and the need for social distancing we will be limited on the number of pupils who can excess free breakfast club. Priority will be given to working parents. Parents will need to book a place for this facility. Once we have reached our capacity parents will be informed and placed on a waiting list. Further information on how this will be implemented will be sent at the start of term.

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Unfortunately as we close for the Summer many key details are yet to be confirmed with myself such as lunch provision and whether there is a need for staggered drop off and pick up times. Therefore further details on the procedures for reopening will be communicated to parents from Monday 1st September.

Finally I want to take this opportunity to personal thank every member of VEM staff for their hard work, dedication, and flexibility during what has been an unprecedented and challenging school year.

Once again, I wish to express my sincere gratitude for all your continued support and understanding during this very difficult and stressful time. Please try to enjoy the rest of the Summer with your families and we look forward to welcoming all the children back in September.

Kind regards

Mrs Langley
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