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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your family are safe and well. It has been lovely to welcome so many of our pupils back to school for 'catch-up, check-in and prepare' sessions.

You may have heard the announcement from Kirsty Williams, Minister for Education, yesterday when she confirmed that the autumn term in Wales will start from Tuesday 1st September 2020. This is most welcome and I wanted to take the opportunity to inform you as soon as possible.

The Minister has recognised that schools will require a short period to focus on priority groups such as an enhanced transition for pupils who will be joining us in September. The first 2 weeks in September will allow schools to do this and also allow the necessary time for the planning and reorganisation to open to all pupils safely by **Monday 14th September 2020**.

As yet we have not received the outline operational and learning guidance from Welsh Government regarding their expectations about how schools will operate in September, for example social distancing, school transport, etc. This is not expected to be published by Welsh Government until the beginning of next week, which is the final week of the summer term. We understand that Welsh Government will continue to review and update this guidance throughout the summer holiday as necessary.

As you will appreciate the COVID-19 pandemic is an ever changing situation; it will take some time to respond to this guidance, to work through our safe plans for reopening and to complete all necessary risk assessments preparing the school site. Therefore, it is likely that we will publish our plan to you approximately 2 weeks before the beginning of the autumn term. We will do this through our usual communication channels via text, emails and updates on the school website. As soon as additional information becomes available I will update you with this.

Classes- I know that many of you are keen to know what class your child will be in, along with the names of staff; these are being finalised as I write this letter. Information about this will be available early next week. This said, to re-assure you there are just a few changes to classes. In the main we have kept children and staff the same wherever possible.

Many thanks for your continued support and patience at this very challenging time. Please take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

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