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Dear parent,

You will have seen in the news that Education Minister Kirsty Williams has announced that children in Wales will have the opportunity to 'Check in, Catch Up, Prepare for summer and September' from June 29 as part of the next phase for schools in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

We understand it is a very unsettling time, but please be assured that we have been working hard to put plans in place for increasing the operation of our schools to enable more children to attend when the time is right to do so.

Risk assessments are being carried out at all of our schools across the county. Each school is being individually assessed on its own situation, and it may very well be the case that 'a one size fits all' approach will not work. This means that some schools may not be able to offer the same level of provision, dependent on building space and staffing capacity. The main consideration is to keep everyone - children and school staff - as safe as possible.

We are creating a detailed action plan and we will be sharing more information with you as soon as possible. Precautions we will be taking include:

- Limiting class sizes
- Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times
- Increased cleaning

If your child is shielding or at more risk, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school this term and should continue home learning.

I also want to reassure you that if you choose not to send your children back to school this term you will not be fined.

We will keep you updated with all our preparations for our schools and the measures that are being put in place to allow us to do this. Please bear with us as it may take some time to put all these arrangements in place.

In the meantime, our childcare hubs remain open for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children; and schools are continuing to support your children with their home learning. If you need any additional support at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your teacher.

Again, I would like to thank you for your continued support and co-operation, we will be providing you with an update as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely,



Gareth Morgans

For further and regular updates please visit Carmarthenshire County Council's COVID-19 web pages - newsroom.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/coronavirus

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