



# Johnstown Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Tre Ioan

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your family are well and coping during these unprecedented times. The announcement today by the Education Minister, Kirsty Williams, stated that schools will open from the 29th June, with the Summer holidays commencing on the 27th July. It is important to note that the return is of a part time, non-compulsory nature of attendance. The Governors and I have not received any details from Welsh Government or the Local Authority as yet, but over the next few days there will be several meetings to discuss the re-opening further.

I will share these details with you over the next couple of weeks - for you to make an informed decision following further consultation with you. Please be assured that the arrangements in place will prioritise a safe return to school for your child/ren, the staff of Johnstown and you as parents of the school. Each and every school will be unique in its approach to re-opening due to factors such as the school building and classroom layout, staff availability, logistics, drop off and pick up arrangements etc. There will also be a limited capacity of pupils at any one time to ensure social distancing and cleanliness laws are applied.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for coping with the challenges of home learning during this time and to congratulate the pupils on the creative and truly impressive work that they have completed. I would also like to thank the amazing staff of Johnstown for supporting the home learning tasks for the pupils and for keeping in regular contact with families to support this process. As well as this, a significant number of staff have also supported the emergency childcare Hub at Johnstown to ensure that key worker families and vulnerable pupils have been provided for. I would also like to thank the admin and well being support staff, as well as the cooks and cleaners who have have been incredible in their response to this emergency. A special thank you and huge respect to our caretaker, Mr Walters, who has been in school everyday, making sure that the school is running smoothly.

We still have a long way to go, but I am sure with such a special school community, we can work together in this rapidly changing situation. As always, we will endeavour to do so with the safety and well being of all paramount in our planning and decision making.

Best wishes

Kevin McComas  
Head Teacher