



3rd June 2020

RE: Education Minister Statement on reopening schools in Wales

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today you would have seen or read about the Education Minister, Kirsty Williams, announcement that schools will reopen on June 29th, 2020.

While at this moment in time we do not know what this will look like, how classes will be organised or timings when school will start. We will be receiving detailed and extensive guidance and advice next week from both Bridgend County Borough Council and Welsh Government. Having received this advice, we will then be able to plan for the reopening of our school. We will communicate this to you when it's complete for you to make a fully informed decision on whether you send your child back to school. We will fully respect whatever decision you make.

What we do know is that St Mary's & St Patrick's RC Primary School on June 29th, will not look the same as it did when we closed on the 20th March, 2020.

Further to the announcement made by the Minister today, the summer term will now end a week later on Monday 27th July. There will be an extra week added to the autumn half term holiday (Date of the extra week to be confirmed).

In conclusion, we are working closely with the Local Authority, Welsh Government to prepare St Mary's & St Patrick's RC Primary for the safe return of our children.

When we receive further advice and are in a better position to describe how school will look, we will contact you.

Take care & God Bless

Mrs Phillips
Headteacher