

ST AIDAN'S CHURCH IN WALES V.A. SCHOOL

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Our school is a welcoming, warm hearted place and a bubble of trust where we can feel safe to talk to God and follow the Christian values. We are encouraged to become independent and confident in ourselves as well as in society. We are challenged to reach our highest potential and climb the ladder of life because we 'Believe and Achieve'.

17th June 2020.

Dear Parent/Carer

Check in, Catch Up and Prepare for summer and September

Over the last few days Governors and staff have been working closely together to prepare for the reopening of our school. While I fully appreciate that this is a challenging time and that there will be many changes to the way the school operates, I would like to reassure you that we are following all guidance produced by the Welsh Government and PCC to ensure that all members of the school community are working in an environment that is as safe as possible.

Last week we answered many of your questions, however, this is an ever changing situation and some procedures and protocols change as more guidance is issued.

At the moment we are busily preparing the school building for the reopening from Monday, June 29th to children from Reception to year 6. Before this date we plan to share videos and photos in order to prepare everyone for what the school now looks like. I hope this will be helpful to prepare your child for the 'new normal.'

Welsh Government are very keen to provide 'check ins' so every child has the opportunity to return to school. However, they are very understanding that parents may feel great anxiety and are genuinely worried about their children returning to school at this time. The Education Minister has been clear in her reasoning for opening schools at this time, and has emphasised that no situation can be completely risk free. All possible measures will be taken to make schools as safe as possible. As you are aware, for the time being there is no expectation for parents to send their children to school unless they are entirely happy to do so.

From 22nd June our school will be providing childcare for key worker children. This means there will no longer be childcare facilities available at Prendergast School Hub. Please go to the Pembrokeshire County Council website for details of the criteria needed and/or email covid19childcarebookings@pembrokeshire.gov.uk to apply.

We are grateful for the many messages we have received over the last few months. We are genuinely touched, and hope that we can all continue to work together for the benefit of all our children.

Take care
Stay Safe
Mrs S James