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NEWSLETTER 11th May 2020

Dear parents and children,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the home learning tasks which are being set by your teachers. Whilst we are all keen to come to school, please read below the announcement from Kirsty Williams, Education Minister for Wales, which was made on Thursday, 7th May. This is different from the announcement made by UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson yesterday, which only applies to England.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon, but only when it is safe to do so and when our government in Wales lifts the restrictions.

I have enjoyed seeing some of the things that you are doing, making shops, bug hotels and pictures, on the website. Please send us pictures of your rainbows to display in school, if you can. God bless everyone,

Mrs Whitgreave

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In a message posted on her [Twitter account](#), Kirsty Williams said:

As you'll know, there is a lot of speculation about what may or may not be announced regarding schools in England this weekend.

As I have said before, you will always hear directly from me on the decisions we make in Wales for our pupils, parents and school staff.

The situation for schools in Wales will not change on 1 June. You have my guarantee that we will give everyone time to plan ahead of a next phase starting.

Any decision to increase the operation of schools will be communicated well in advance. We are working closely with local authorities to ensure that schools are supported in this preparation work.

In the meantime, critical workers and those who need to use schools or hubs for your children should continue do so.

We will continue to be guided by the very latest scientific advice and will only look to have more pupils and staff in schools when it is safe to do so. We will, of course, need to ensure that social distancing requirements can be adhered to.

The Minister has also written to all of the main teaching unions in the UK and Ireland, in response to their concerns that schools will be open to most pupils before it is safe to do so.

Next week, the Minister will publish a working document which sets out more of the thinking, planning and modelling for the next steps for education in Wales, including childcare and further education. The document will include how key decisions will be reached and who will provide advice on those decisions.

The Minister reiterated that the five key principles she previously set out to determine when and how schools will return to providing education for most school pupils will remain in place.

She said:

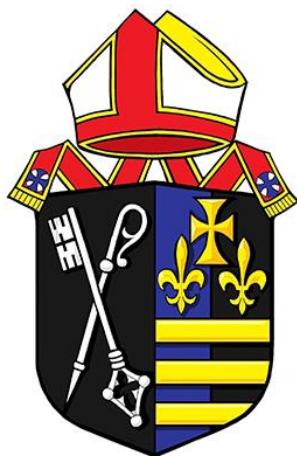
Of my five principles the first, and most important, is the safety and mental, emotional and physical wellbeing of students and staff.

The Minister set out **her five key principles on 27 April**, which are:

1. The safety and mental, emotional and physical wellbeing of students and staff
2. Continuing contribution to the national effort and strategy to fight the spread of COVID-19
3. Having the confidence of parents, staff and students – based on evidence and information – so that they can plan ahead
4. Ability to prioritise learners at key points, including those from disadvantaged backgrounds
5. Consistency with the Welsh Government's framework for decision making, to have guidance in place to support measures such as distancing, managing attendance and wider protective actions.

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A Prayer from Bishop Gregory

Father God,
Jesus taught us that you know all our cares
and our fears.
Please be with us in this time of worry and illness.
May anyone who is ill know your help,
and anyone who is well know how to
give the right help
to those who suffer or are worried.
Protect those whom we love, and keep us
calm and without fear,
for you are our Father, and love us completely.
In Jesus' name we make this prayer.
Amen