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Dear Parent / Carer

Thank you for your support, understanding and patience over the past three months. I am grateful to you all for everything you have done to assist your child's learning, your child's school and the local authority at this difficult time.

This letter will provide you with further information in respect of the 'Check in Catch up and Prepare' provision for all pupils and Emergency Keyworker Childcare provision for eligible children available in Conwy for the rest of the summer term.

Check in, Catch up and Prepare

As a result of the Minister for Education's recent announcement in respect of the reopening of schools, the local authority is keen to work with schools and parents/carers to ensure all pupils benefit from an opportunity to check in with their schools, catch up with their peers and teachers, and prepare for the next school year.

From Monday 29th June, Conwy schools will start to accept their own pupils to attend identified sessions at their own school.

However, not all learners will return at once and, when they do return, the school day might start and end at different times for different learners. This may include different arrangements for siblings of different ages, attending the same school.

Welsh Government ministers have stated that the total number of pupils in any school at any one time will not exceed one third of the total number of pupils who would normally attend that school. To accommodate this requirement, your child will only be invited into their school on certain days or sessions (unless they are eligible for emergency keyworker childcare at their school).

It is important to note that, during this period, parents and carers are free to decide whether to send their children to school. Should parents/carers decide not to send their children to school during this summer term, they will not be penalised. If you choose not to send your children to school, they will continue to receive the same home-to-school support they have received so far.

When your child returns to school, there will be a focus upon pupil wellbeing and on an enjoyment of outdoor learning, where and when this is practical, in their particular learning environment.

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To assist individual schools with their own planning arrangements, it would be hugely beneficial for them to know whether parents and carers are anticipating sending their children into school when invited to do so.

I know that school teachers, school leaders and school support staff would be delighted to see their pupils.

To establish the likely 'take-up' of offered provision at your school, your school will be contact you directly.

Once again, I am keen to do everything possible to reassure you of the local authority's efforts in supporting the emotional and physical wellbeing of learners. The local authority is working closely with schools and its partners to ensure that guidance and support is in place to assist your child's return to school.

Emergency childcare support for key workers

In light of recent ministerial announcements, there will be significant changes to our emergency childcare provision which we need to implement as a matter of some urgency.

From Monday 29th June emergency childcare will continue at your child's own school.

To apply for childcare if you're eligible, use the [online form](#) and your school will liaise with you regarding your weekly requirements. .

Further information in respect of emergency childcare provision during the school summer holiday period will be provided shortly. I have also published some frequently asked questions which may assist you, which can be found on the Conwy County Borough Council website <http://www.conwy.gov.uk/schoolscovidfaq> or <http://www.conwy.gov.uk/ysgolioncovidcc>

In conclusion, I would like to thank you all, once again, for your continuing support at a very difficult time.

Yours faithfully



Dr Lowri Vaughan Brown
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Head of Education Services