



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF**

To: Parents/Carers

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Dyddiad: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020  
Date:

Dear Parents/Carers

Further to my letter of 19<sup>th</sup> June regarding the phased re-opening of all Rhondda Cynon Taf schools on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

As you will be aware, the Minister for Education in Wales, Kirsty Williams, announced on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 that all children would have the opportunity to 'Check in, Catch up, Prepare' for the summer and September. The Minister highlighted that the summer term would be extended by one week, with the summer term ending on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020, and that a two-week half-term break would be provided in the autumn 2020.

You may also be aware that last Friday, Welsh Government advised that it would be councils and schools across Wales that would have the final say on whether their schools would be available for the extra week of the summer term. Rhondda Cynon Taf Council have been working in partnership with our schools since this recent announcement to explore the opportunity of Rhondda Cynon Taf schools being open during the additional week of the summer term.

Despite the exceptional goodwill and professionalism that has been displayed by our schools and the willingness of staff to work this additional week, a number of factors have worked against our ability to progress with plans to open during this additional week and therefore, it is with regret that we announce that schools in Rhondda Cynon Taf will close on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2020, as originally intended. School based emergency childcare will cease on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2020. Further information in relation to summer childcare will be released in due course.

The Council's website contains Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Carers [www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolfaqs](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolfaqs) which should answer any concerns you have about the return to school from 29<sup>th</sup> June. If they do not address your questions, you can email us at [schoolplanning@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:schoolplanning@rctcbc.gov.uk) with any queries.

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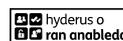
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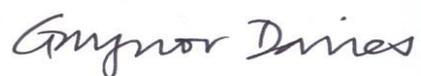
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Rhondda Cynon Taf Council continues to work closely with all our schools, who continue to do a fantastic job in these difficult times. Thank you again for supporting your child with their learning in the home and for working in partnership with your child's school.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gwynor Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**Director of Education and Inclusion Services**