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## 'Return to School: Check-in, Catch-Up, Prepare'

Dear Parents / Annwyl Rhieni,

I would like to thank, once again, the Durand Primary School family for your continued support, patience and understanding during these unprecedented times.

It has been wonderful to hear, once again this morning from staff, more about the fantastic distance learning activities that our pupils have been undertaking whilst they have had to stay home from school. I am delighted to say that we have seen a 'leader board' of Hwb access for distance learning and our school is the highest Primary School for Monmouthshire – well done to all our pupils, parents and staff!

### **Blended Learning**

Moving forward the Welsh Government has advocated that schools adopt a Blended Learning approach for their pupils. This entails some in school face to face sessions together with the continuation of on-line distance learning. The in-school sessions will focus, this term, on pupil well-being giving the children chance to 'Check-in, Catch up and Prepare'.

Teachers will continue to plan, provide and feedback on online learning activities that will be set for pupils to complete when they are not in school or if they are not returning before September. Time has been allocated for Teachers to undertake this during the afternoon each day. We will also be introducing Virtual Team catch up meetings for our pupils in Year 2 to Year 6 which will also take place one afternoon each week. Further details of this will follow shortly.

### **Uniform**

In my previous letter I stated that we would 'like' to see pupils return to school in uniform which is in line with all other Caldicot Cluster Primary Schools. I understand fully that some children will have had a growth spurt and therefore their existing uniform may no longer fit them. If this is the case wearing clothes as close to uniform as possible would be preferential i.e. white/red top with dark shorts/skirt/trousers/leggings. We are also happy for pupils to wear trainers as we plan to use the outdoor space as much as possible so please no flip flops or sliders. We do not expect anyone to buy new uniform at this stage.

### **Return to School Timetable**

We have decided to use the pupil's houses as a basis for groupings as this will ensure that siblings will be in school on the same day. Below is the timetable for this:



Year group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	9am -12.30pm	9am -12.30pm	9am -12.30pm	9am -12.30pm	9am -12.30pm
	29/6/20 6/7/20 13/7/20	30/6/20 7/7/20 14/7/20	1/7/20 8/7/20 15/7/20	2/7/20 9/7/20 16/7/20	3/7/20 10/7/20 17/7/20
Year 6	Monnow	Severn	Usk	Wye	All (details of this sent to Y6)
Year 5	Monnow	Severn	Usk	Wye	
Year 4	Monnow	Severn	Usk	Wye	
Year 3	Monnow	Severn	Usk	Wye	
Year 2	Monnow	Severn	Usk	Wye	
Year 1	Monnow	Severn	Usk	Wye	
Reception	Monnow	Severn	Usk	Wye	

If anyone is unsure which house their child is in please contact the school office either by email – [durandprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:durandprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk) or telephone 01291 422296.

**We are also planning some sessions for our pre-school Nursery pupils on a Friday morning. Details of this will be sent to those parents in a separate letter.**

### **Well-being Support**

Mrs Brunnock has provided and will continue to provide ELSA support, Mindfulness Yoga and Well-being activities through Hwb until the end of term. When we return to school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June I have ensured that Mrs Brunnock is available for any pupils who require additional emotional support outside of their classroom on their allocated school day. Mrs Brunnock has helped to provide activities and advice to all teachers to enable them to provide well-being support within their classes.

### **Emergency Childcare Provision**

Just to remind anyone who needs to access a space in our childcare provision that the registration, which is online only, via the Monmouthshire County Council website closes at 5pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The Local Authority has clearly stated that anyone who does not register will be unable to access a space and no late applications will be accepted.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care, keep safe!

Yours Sincerely / Yn Gywir,

*A. J. Waters*

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