



Dear Parents/Carers,

We write jointly as Conwy Primary Head Teachers to inform you of the next steps following further guidance from Welsh Government and Conwy Authority around school closures and opening in response to the coronavirus crisis.

As you are already aware schools will be closed from the end of the day 20/3/20 for a 4 week Easter break.

Following a joint planning meeting, today it has been agreed that from Tuesday 24th, our schools will re-open for a new purpose. This purpose is to provide care for the children of essential/key workers where there is **no other available childcare provision**.

A comprehensive list of key workers can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

We believe that the local authority are shortly due to circulate an online questionnaire to check eligibility. We will be in touch with more details as soon we have any.

We must insist that if you are a keyworker and are able to provide alternative childcare provision for your children that you do this. For example, if only one parent is a key worker and another is at home, or not working that day, then you keep your child at home rather than send them to school. School is now operating as a 'last resort' childcare facility for parents that **do not** have another option. For example, both parents are key workers and are on the same shift pattern or are key workers and are single parents. Similarly on your non work days it would not be expected that you would send your child to school. We will rely on your honesty and clarity in this regard and hope that you would not put school staff and any other children at unnecessary risk as we are trying to reduce the spread of the virus. We will be checking on this daily.

Schools will also be providing a school meal for students eligible for free school meals from Tuesday, and we will forward details of these arrangements to you early next week.

Thank you for your continued support in this difficult and challenging time. We wish all our pupils and families our best wishes over the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

The Headteachers of:

Ysgol Y Foryd, Ysgol Maes Owen, Ysgol Glan Gele, Ysgol Sant Elfod, Ysgol St. George VC school