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Dear parent/carer

I hope that you are all well and are coping with the lockdown. We cannot thank you enough for all the work completed at home to support our young people in having a continuity in their learning. The more work completed at home the more prepared and ready our pupils will be to resume their studies once the school is open again.

When will that be? The last few weeks has seen an enormous amount of speculation in the press about when this will happen. Much of it confusing and unhelpful. Due to devolution, Wales is different to England and it is through the Welsh government that we will receive notification of any reopening dates, not the UK government and Prime minister. We have received no potential reopening dates as yet.

What I can assure you is that St Illtyd's will not reopen until it is deemed safe to do so by the Local Authority and Welsh Government. The Welsh minister for education has published five principles that must be met in order for this to happen:-

1. The safety, mental, emotional and physical wellbeing of students and staff.
2. Continuing contribution to the national effort and strategy to fight spread of COVID19.
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.

You can find the full statement at this link:

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-covid-19-recovery-phase-planning-operationschools>

If there are further developments, please be assured that I will keep you informed and in the meantime please continue to check our website for pupils work, wellbeing resources and information.

Many thanks to you all once more, for your work and prayers. I hope that you and your families stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. B. Thomas'.

D B Thomas
Headteacher

*Together in Christ, we make a difference
Gyda'n gilydd yng Nghrist, fe wnaun gwahaniaeth*