

### **School Closure – 26<sup>th</sup> June**

Children of key workers, who are unable to provide childcare at home, can still register their child to attend the cluster hub school based in Welshpool up to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Pre-school children can also be registered to attend Footsteps in Welshpool.

To register, please visit <https://en.powys.gov.uk/emergencyhubs>

### **Partial re-opening – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Following the announcement of the Education Minister this week, school will be partially open from Monday 29 June, until the end of term which will now be Friday 27 July.

The purpose of this re-opening of schools is for pupils to [Check-in, Catchup, Prepare](#) for summer and the Autumn term. These weeks will be used to make sure pupils, staff and parents are prepared – mentally, emotionally and practically – for the new normal in September. Initially there will only be about 20 pupils in school at a time (to ensure social distancing is maintained) and therefore you will need to ensure childcare is available during the times when they are not in school.

Thank you to all parents who have responded to say whether they intend to send their child to school or keep them home during this period. As stated in the email, there is absolutely no pressure whether you send your child to school or keep them at home. The decision is entirely up to you and what you believe is best for your family circumstances. Thank you to all parents who have responded so far. The survey will remain open until Monday night.

We will keep you fully informed of plans, procedures and new protocols to be followed to ensure the safety and well-being of all pupils and staff in school during this time.

### **Continuity of Education**

Distance learning will continue for all pupils, and teachers will continue to monitor and feedback on work submitted. The announcement by the Education Minister refers to a 'new normal' in September where education will continue to be through a blend of classroom-based teaching and distance learning. As further information around this concept is available, you will be kept fully informed.

Thank you to all parents who responded to our 'Distance Learning' survey before half term and gave suggestions of ways we can further develop how pupils learn at home.

### **Lexia**

Well done to Connor, Fletcher, Sam, Martha, Jake (Y2) and Faye for completing a level on Lexia. Da iawn. Two j2stars have been awarded to each of you.

Some pupils are completing over 4 hours of Lexia in a week which is far too much. When your child logs in they are told how many minutes they need to complete during the week and when they have reached this target. Please monitor how much time your child is spending on this app.

### **School Website**

Any information/advice sent out through this newsletter is also available through the school website [http://www.forden.powys.sch.uk/en\\_GB/blog/useful-links-for-parents/](http://www.forden.powys.sch.uk/en_GB/blog/useful-links-for-parents/)

**All the staff at Forden School miss all the pupils and hope you stay safe and well.**