

## **Summary of and link to The Education Minister's announcement 03/06/20**

**"Check in, Catch Up, Prepare for Summer and September".**

<https://gov.wales/check-catch-prepare-summer-and-september-all-schools-wales-enter-next-phase>

### **What**

Schools will start the next phase on 29 June, with the term extended by a week, therefore ending on 27 July.

Autumn half-term break will be expanded to two weeks.

Childcare providers will also increase the numbers of children in attendance from 9 June.

### **How**

In each school there will be a phased approach.

Year groups will be split into cohorts with staggered starts, lessons and breaks.

It is expected that this will mean, at most, a third of pupils present at any one time, though schools may need time to reach this level of operation.

Much smaller classes will provide secure dedicated time with teachers and classmates.

This time will include online and personalised classroom experience, getting children and teachers ready for a similar experience in September.

### **Why**

We are creating the opportunity for children to Check in, Catch Up and Prepare before the start of September.

Since the decision to close schools for statutory provision, our understanding of the virus and its longer-term impacts has continued to develop.

We know that we are going to have to live with it for some time.

We know that it will remain our biggest challenge for the foreseeable future.

We know that the classroom experience will be different for a long time to come.

### **What next**

Next week, the Welsh Government will publish guidance to support childcare, schools, as well as further and higher education institutions.

This will include information on managing their facilities and logistical arrangements, including buildings, resources, cleaning and transport.