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**To All Headteachers
Chairs of Governors**

Dear Colleagues,

As you know, Welsh Government announced on 3rd June that schools are to reopen on 29th June on a 'check in, catch up and prepare' basis. The original announcement stipulated that this would be for a period of four weeks from 29th June.

However, we understand that the Welsh Government and the school workforce Trade Unions have not been able to reach a common position on the fourth week despite ongoing discussions. Without such national agreement term dates remain a matter for local determination.

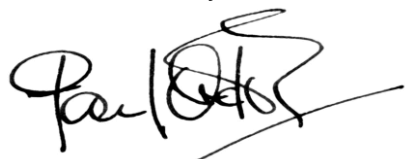
It is our view that at this late stage it is essential that headteachers and schools have clarity for planning the return of pupils in a week's time. Any changes to local determination would require a period of consultation and would inevitably lead to significant inconsistency of provision across the region, creating many difficulties for parents and staff. Cardiff Council will therefore not be seeking variation to the existing term dates, with the end of term remaining at 20th July.

While we recognise that schools have to date planned on the basis of four weeks in the summer term, we hope that this provides much needed clarity. Heads will now need to communicate this change to parents as soon as possible as well as to undertake a revision of any plans that were in place.

Arrangements for the autumn term are still under discussion nationally, and we will update you when further information is available.

We appreciate all your hard work and commitment throughout this period and trust that this announcement allows you to move ahead with plans to reopen your schools and welcome all pupils back safely.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive



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Director of Education and Lifelong Learning

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