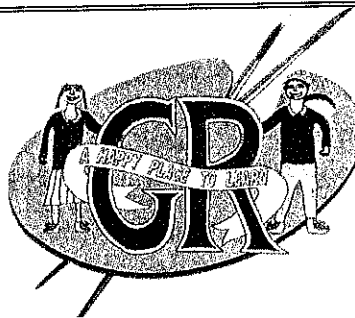


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Dear parents, carers and families,

Following the announcements from the Prime Minister yesterday and updated guidance from Cumbria County Council I am writing to you all again to clarify the school's position in the current climate linked to the Coronavirus pandemic.

- **All schools will close for regular teaching of the National Curriculum for all children by law by the end of Friday 20th March 2020**
- **National tests and examinations have been cancelled for May and June 2020 – this will include end of KS2 SATs tests**
- **Childcare places will be offered to children of Key Workers and children that the school/Local Authority consider to be vulnerable**
- **Arrangements will be put into place next week for children currently eligible for Free School Meals to support families**

As you will all be aware, this will require strategic, countywide planning and in this time of unprecedented change the priority is to keep as many children and their families as safe as possible whilst allowing key operations for society to continue.

The school building will be closed for children in general from Friday onwards but on Monday 23rd March; I will be on site along with staff fit and able to work for the identified children in the first instance. It is likely that this arrangement will become more strategic as the week progresses. You will of course be informed of these changes as soon as we know of them.

The 'home learning' tasks we have set are designed to support all parents working with their children next week and the future. Please be aware that however resilient your child may seem, they are hearing lots of new and sometimes worrying information from multiple sources on a very regular basis. Closing school like this is a hugely emotional statement to make and your child will understandably find the process distressing on some level. Please remember this above all else in the



following days and do not put too much emphasis on completing tasks but find time to talk with them about everything that is happening at the moment...

As a school, we aim to keep in touch with you via text, email and our facebook page and would like to think you will keep in touch with us too.

If there is a specific concern you have about your child or about the closing of the school in general, then please contact me via the office in the usual way tomorrow.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding,

Yours sincerely,



David Reddy
(Headteacher)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Childcare if schools close

We are planning for the possibility that schools will close. If NHS and social care employees cannot attend work because of childcare responsibilities this will create a major problem for health and care services that will directly affect their ability to care for seriously ill people.

It is possible that if schools close, some schools may be required to remain open to provide childcare for school age children whose parents work in health or social care and cannot make alternative childcare arrangements.

To help us prepare for this possibility we are asking families in these circumstances to complete this form with their contact details.

NONE OF THIS IS CERTAIN AND WE AWAIT GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE, BUT WE WANT TO BE PREPARED IN CASE WE GET TO THIS POINT.

The information we are collecting will be deleted if it is not required.

Complete the online form here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BMQHDGY>

If you cannot complete the form online speak to your child's school.

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