

GEORGE ROMNEY JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear parents, carers and families,

It does feel unusual to be writing to all children, parents and their families on Good Friday, but these are unusual times...

Once again, I must congratulate all parents for doing a brilliant job of supporting their children with the home learning tasks and importantly, other activities beyond this. It has been a genuine pleasure to have been sent a number of different photos from different families showing children learning online, completing the LEGO challenges, working on their allotments, baking and playing with their brothers and sisters. Please remember to visit our facebook page and let the children see what their friends have been up to!

As you know, the emergency childcare service for parents who are Key Workers has now moved to a 'hub' model and as you would expect, we have teamed up with Chapel Street school to provide this care. Staff from both schools will be present each day. All parents who are able to access this emergency childcare have had booking forms emailed to them. I realise that as this situation continues, some of the arrangements for Key Workers may change and there may be more people requiring this help. As a cluster of schools, we have worked to develop some guidelines (attached) to give clear, consistent messages about the way the hub schools are working in the Furness area.

Next week, you will receive an email from the class teachers which will give more guidance on home learning tasks. After 3 weeks of GCSE maths with my Y10 daughter – believe me I empathise with you all!!! Please remember the home learning cannot replace the daily learning that happens here in school; it is meant to help provide some consistency and some structure for you and your children at this challenging time; do not let it become another source of worry or anxiety – just do what you can!



In my weekly meeting with other organisations across the county, this week, we talked a lot about positive well-being and good mental health, both for adults and for children. It is so important during the following days and weeks that we all look after each other and remember that changes in moods and different levels of positive/negative feelings are perfectly normal and totally expected. Unfortunately, I think we need to prepare ourselves for a 'marathon' approach to Covid 19 rather than a 'sprint' approach and we need to expect this new 'normal' to last for a significant period of time. Several organisations are offering resources on websites to help children and their parents work through the range of feelings they maybe experiencing. One in particular has been designed by Action for Children to do together as parents and children:

<https://minds.actionforchildren.org.uk>

In Cumbria, services are working hard to collate a directory for schools and families to signpost to different types of help and support. I will of course share this with you when it becomes available. In the meantime, if any parents of carers have specific issues they need to discuss then please email me directly at:

head@qrjs.cumbria.sch.uk and I will help in anyway I can.

Please try to enjoy the Easter weekend with the people in your house, even if it is not possible to enjoy your normal routines or traditions; remember, even chocolate, in moderation, is good for you!!!

Take care; stay safe,

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David Reddy
(Headteacher)

NEW EMERGENCY SUPPORT HELPLINE

0800 783 1966
COVID19support@cumbria.gov.uk

Only for people at high risk of becoming seriously ill as a result of COVID-19 and who do not have support available from friends, family or neighbours.

Full details can be found online at cumbria.gov.uk

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